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NHS concerns handling initiative extended to Wales

The GDC has worked closely with colleagues in Wales to extend the NHS concerns handling initiative, which was introduced in England in 2016, to include Wales. Under the initiative, concerns coming to the GDC are redirected for resolution locally where appropriate to do so. Find out more about the initiative and read the full article on our [website](#).

Annual Renewal for dentists 2018, now complete

The 2018 Annual Renewal period for dentists is closed. If you have not managed to complete the process in time, but would like to continue practising in the UK, you will need to apply for restoration to the Register. Please visit our [website](#) for more information.

Please also note, figures for the number of dental professionals on the GDC Registers can also be found on our [website](#).

We are now consulting on the principles of specialist listing

We are now consulting on the issues relating to the system of specialist listings. We are proposing to update the current specialist listings' purposes as well as the criteria that they must meet.

We also propose to provide a new basis for considering changes to specialist lists, or the system of specialist listing, in the future. Read the full article on our [website](#) to find out key areas we are consulting on.

[To the consultation](#)



On 30 January 2019 the GDC launched its Moving Upstream publication which looks at the progress we made in enabling and supporting the transformation of dental regulation set out in our publication [Shifting the balance](#).

The event was attended by 150 representatives from a wide range of dental professionals and policy makers.

[Read the report](#)

GDC publishes research on European-qualified dental professionals

The GDC has published the findings of a survey of European-qualified dental professionals. Around 17% of all those on the GDC Registers, qualified as a dentist or a dental care professional in the European Economic Area (EEA), and each year, make-up around 23% of all new applications for registration.

Read more about the research and its findings on our [website](#).

[Access the survey](#)

Professional Standards Authority publishes research on professional duty of candour

The Professional Standards Authority has published its latest evaluation report on the progress made by professional health regulators in embedding the professional duty of candour.

The professional duty of candour is about healthcare professionals telling patients, openly and honestly, when something has gone wrong with their care. The report considers the efforts made by regulators to encourage health professionals to be candid and the progress on enforcement of the duty of candour through fitness to practise processes. Read more [here](#).

Faculty of General Dental Practitioners publishes new online register of members and fellows

The Faculty of General Dental Practice (UK) (FGDP) is publishing a public Register of its full members to promote their commitment



to high standards in practice. Read the full article [here](#).

