

July 2019

Welcome to the July edition of your GDC newsletter. This month we cover:

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Previous issues of this newsletter are available on the [GDC website](#).

Annual renewal time for dental care professionals

If you're a dental care professional and have not yet completed your annual renewal, please act now, as the 31 July deadline is just a few weeks away.

The quickest and easiest way to complete your annual renewal is by using your [eGDC account](#). Log on to pay your Annual Retention Fee, make your annual or end-of-cycle CPD statement and declare that you have, or will have, the appropriate indemnity.

Please remember that unless you joined the register within the last 12-months, you will need to make a CPD statement. The Enhanced CPD scheme means that annual CPD statements must now be made by all registrants. If you have not done any CPD this year, access your eGDC account and enter 'zero' in the field that asks you to log your CPD hours.

If you are at the end of your five-year CPD cycle, and due to exceptional circumstances, you need a little more time, you will need to request a grace period. This must be done in writing and the application must be completed before the 31 July.

Please do not leave it to the last minute. If you need any help or advice to complete your annual renewal, [please get in touch now](#) to ensure it is done on time.

GDC Corporate Strategy: Just three weeks left to give your views

You can help shape the work of the GDC by giving us your views on the Corporate Strategy 2020-2022. Our consultation was launched on 9 May, and there are now just a few weeks left to give us your feedback. The consultation closes on Tuesday 30 July. To respond, please visit our [corporate strategy website](#).

2019 Dental Professionals Survey now open to all registrants!

Following requests from professionals to widen the survey, and to ensure the results are as robust as possible, we have now opened our 2019 Dental Professional Survey to everyone on the registers. An email inviting you to participate will be sent to you shortly. Click [here](#) to find out more information from our Research Manager, Guy Rubin.

Joint statement on reflective practice published

The joint statement on the benefits of becoming a reflective practitioner is now available to support your ongoing learning and professional development. You can improve your practice and the quality of care you provide by reflecting on your practice. Please visit our [website](#) for further information.

We are recruiting Registration Assessment Panellists (Dentists and DCP)

The GDC is currently recruiting assessors for its Registration Assessment Panellists. The panels are made up of a combination of dentists and dental care professionals. Please click [here](#) for further information.

What can you learn from the fitness to practise process?

You can make positive changes to your practice and dental services by reflecting on the insights and trends identified from the fitness to practise process. Please visit our [website](#) to find our three new learning tools designed to help you understand the types of concerns and raised with us, what happened after initial assessment and the reasons for our actions.

These new publications, so we'd like to hear your views on the content and any tips you might have for how they can be improved. Please give your feedback [using the online form](#).

Publication of the Disclosure (Scotland) Bill

The Disclosure (Scotland) Bill was introduced to the Scottish Parliament on 12 June 2019. It sets out proposals to make vulnerable groups safer and make the disclosure system simpler and easier to understand. These changes affect regulated professionals, and so Scottish registrants are encouraged to read through. More information can be found on the Disclosure Scotland [website](#).

CQC's 'Declare Your Care' campaign-focus on BME people

New research undertaken by the Care Quality Commission (CQC) as part of the year-long "Declare Your Care" campaign has revealed that Black and minority ethnic (BME) people are under-reporting the standard of care they receive, particularly in relation to mental health. Further information on the campaign can be found [here](#).

CQC MythBusters updates

This month the CQC have updated two of their MythBusters:

- [Mythbuster 11: Statutory notifications to CQC](#) has been updated to include new illustrative examples to help providers know when to notify CQC about certain changes, events and incidents.
 - [Mythbuster 19: Staff recruitment](#) has been updated to include information about Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) checks.
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