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Welcome to the March issue of your newsletter.

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In his post-January Council [blog](#), Bill Moyes reflects on the GDC's ambitions and work for the year ahead, including the consultation on our three-year costed corporate strategy and the consultation on our approach to continuing professional development.

He also discusses the transition to a different approach to our assessment of the quality of dental education and training, the completion of the End to End Review of Fitness to Practise and the

Hear from CDO for Wales, Colette Bridgman

This is the first guest blog as part of a series in which the GDC asks stakeholders to write about a relevant topic. In this first [blog](#), Collete Bridgman, Chief Dental Officer for Wales, discusses the Welsh government's approach to transforming dentistry.

She states that besides the much needed reform of the model for NHS contracts, in order to improve outcomes, we must improve access to NHS dentistry and provide better value and quality of care provision by creating efficiency gains.

GDC's plan to conduct further research into the consequences of Brexit.

Hear from the GDC clinical fellow, Javeriah Mahmood

In what is planned to be a regular feature, our clinical fellow Javeriah Mahmood reflects in her first blog on her experiences working as a clinical fellow for the GDC.

In her blog, published in [Dentistry](#), she sets out her reasons for joining the GDC in this position and explains that the most important thing for her to achieve is to ensure that the views of dentists working on the ground are considered. The projects she will be involved in at the Council include investigating preparedness for practice of new dental graduates as well as facilitating shared decision making in practice.

Apply to the Chief Dental Officer's Clinical Fellow Scheme

In this guest [blog](#) from the clinical lead of the CDO's clinical fellowship scheme, Dr Nishma Patel tells us what the programme is all about and shares information about how to apply. With the scheme now open for applications, anyone with an interest in the programme is invited to have a closer look [online](#) and think about applying. A list of the application criteria can be found [here](#).

Update on GDC face-to-face engagement with first year students and trainees

In the 2018-19 academic year, the GDC piloted a new way of engaging with dental students and trainees early in their training.

We visited seven dental schools in the four UK countries and met over 700 first-year Bachelor of Dental Surgery students, hygiene and therapy and dental nursing students. Find out more about the initiative and read the full article on our [website](#).



Really good workshops and intro to the GDC. Thank you very much! It has given us things to think about.

Good. I liked the patient videos.

Update on Dental Complaint Service review

The [Dental Complaints Service](#) (DCS) impartially assist in the speedy resolution of dental complaints about private dental care.

During 2017, the DCS went through the first phase of a significant review to improve their operational effectiveness. Following feedback from the review, the referral to fitness to practise criteria were updated. This has resulted in a decrease in number of referred complaints from 30% in 2017 to 2.5% in 2018.

Read more about the results of the DCS review on our [website](#).

