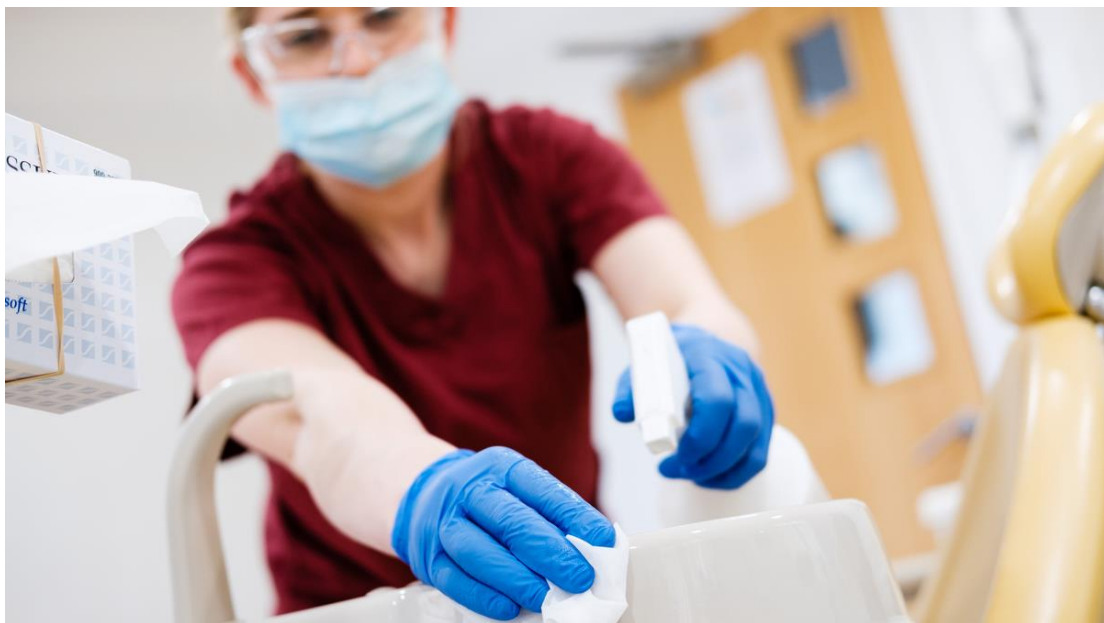


## Latest updates from the GDC - March 2020

### COVID-19: statement from the Chief Executive and Registrar

Our Chief Executive and Registrar, Ian Brack, and the leaders of other health and care professional regulators, have issued a statement to explain how we will continue to regulate in light of novel coronavirus, COVID-19. You can find the statement [on our website](#).

Further, clinical guidance for primary care dental teams has been issued by the relevant health authorities in all four nations of the UK. You can also find the relevant links [on our website](#).



### Opening 17 March: applications to join our Fitness to Practise Panel

From 17 March we will be open to applications to join our Fitness to Practise Panel. We are looking for around 40 people to become part of our Panel. We need both lay people and dental professionals, from a range of backgrounds. If you're looking for a unique

opportunity to broaden your range of skills and career horizons, then this could be a role for you.

You will find further information about the role and our Panel on [our website](#).

### **Statement on providing dental care remotely**

As part of our statutory objective to protect the public, we continually monitor new developments in the dental sector. We are aware of a number of organisations offering services remotely which could constitute dentistry as defined in law, including the growth in 'direct-to-consumer orthodontics'. We understand that there are concerns relating to this and are looking closely at this issue. [Please read](#) our recently published statement for further information.



### **Moving upstream conference 2020**

On 12 February we welcomed over 130 delegates to Friends House in London for our one-day Moving upstream conference 2020. Delegates explored professionalism, what right touch regulation means in practice and the future challenges facing the professions. We have provided a short summary of the day [on our website](#), and will be posting the full conference video and report on the same page in the coming weeks.

### **Have you met your CPD requirements?**

Now is the time to check your CPD hours.

The Enhanced CPD scheme introduced the need to complete a minimum of 10 hours of CPD during each period of two consecutive years, including any two-year period spanning over more than one CPD cycle. With the exception of those new on to the

register between 1 August 2018 and 31 July 2019, and those who have not yet begun a CPD cycle (i.e. those new on to the register from 1 August 2019), this rule applies to all dental care professionals.

Please take the time now to check the number of CPD hours you logged last year in [your eGDC account](#), and the number done so far this year, to assess your compliance with the 10 hours in every two CPD years rule. Non-compliance with CPD rules may put your GDC registration at risk.

If you're short of hours, please act now to ensure you meet the minimum CPD requirements. Remember, you must have completed 10 CPD hours, over the last two years, before the end of the CPD year on 31 July.



### **Catch-up with our latest blog posts**

We have recently added a number of [blog posts](#) to our website. These include:

- Our Chair's post January [council blog](#)
- [Hearings move](#) to Wimpole Street as the final part of the estates programme
- [Digital health](#) – Artificial Intelligence and healthcare