

May 2019

Welcome to the May version of your GDC newsletter. This month we cover:

- Attend our Council meeting in Cardiff 30 May 2019.
- Our research into Scope of Practice review.
- Quality assurance specialty training begins.
- Reminder, Annual Renewal for dental care professionals opening in June 2019.

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

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The GDC will be visiting Wales for our next Council meeting.

We are inviting dental professionals, students, stakeholders and patients to join Council and our executive team for our May meeting, which will include an open forum question and answer session and a networking lunch. This is an opportunity to engage directly with Council and GDC staff members.



Council is being held on Thursday 30 May at [Cardiff City Hall](#). Please register your interest with lbainbridge@gdc-uk.org by 15 May. Places are limited, so we will be confirming these ahead of the meeting.

Our research into Scope of Practice review

In our [Moving Upstream report](#) [page 21] we said we will be undertaking research into different uses of the 'Scope of Practice' guidance. The first part of the research is now underway, it will identify a shortlist of issues for the second more expansive stage, which will include discussions and workshops with dental professionals and other stakeholders.

The findings will be used to determine our future approach to the guidance. Please contact research@gdc-uk.org if you want to find out more about this work.

Quality assurance specialty training begins

Further to the publication of the [revised standards for specialty education](#) in January this year, we have now started the quality assurance of specialty education and training. We are planning to assure the quality of three education providers, one examination provider and two Local Education Training Boards/Deaneries. Ideally, these will be from two different countries each year.

As this is a new process, we anticipate that it will develop as we learn more about how it is working in practice. By 2021 we will have quality assured all education and examination providers. At this point we will review the process as a whole to ensure it aligns with our developing risk-based approach to quality assurance. We look forward to working closely with key stakeholders on this work.

Reminder, Annual Renewal for dental care professionals opens in June

Annual Renewal for Dental Care Professionals opens in June. The easiest way to pay is by Direct Debit. To make your arrangements, simply log into your account on egdc-uk.org and click 'manage payments' to add or amend your Direct Debit details. The deadline to set up or amend a Direct Debit for this year's collection is midday on Friday 31 May 2019.

We also recommend that you review and update your contact details to ensure you receive your renewal notice and certificate after you have completed your Annual Renewal. This can also be done by logging into your eGDC account.

Following a change in law, it is now a legal requirement for all dental care professionals to have in place appropriate indemnity arrangements or insurance for their scope of practice. This means, as part of the Annual Renewal, that all dental care professionals will need to make an indemnity declaration. Dental care professionals also need to make a mandatory annual statement of the CPD hours completed as part of their annual renewal process. This requirement was introduced as part of [Enhanced CPD](#). Further information can be found on our website.



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