



GDC Newsletter - September 2019

GDC strategy consultation analysis underway

Following the [closure of the consultation on our proposed three-year strategy](#), analysis of the 80 responses we received from individuals and organisations is now underway and a report of the consultation is planned for publication in mid-October.

Whilst this was not a consultation about fee levels, we want to build more awareness that the level of the ARF is intrinsically linked to the costs of delivering the strategy. To this end, indicative fee levels for the lifetime of the strategy were included in the consultation and we look forward to confirming the levels, also in October, once they have been set.

Have you met your CPD requirements?

If you're a dentist, 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 in 2018, and those who have not yet begun a CPD cycle (i.e. those new on to the Register in 2019), this rule applies to all dental 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 December.

New process for the regular review of learning outcomes

We have recently published a new process to regularly review the learning outcomes needed for registration, which comes into effect from September 2019. The learning outcomes reflect the knowledge, skills, attitudes and behaviours a registrant must have to practise safely, effectively and professionally. All dental education and training should produce an individual who can demonstrate that they have met the required learning outcomes, and are safe and fit to practise, independently. Under the new process, we will review the overall learning outcomes framework every three to four years, to ensure it remains fit for purpose.

Within that cycle, we may also make changes to specific learning outcomes, to address significant public safety concerns or where it will not require structural changes to programmes. To inform any proposed changes, we will gather evidence on the performance of the learning outcomes, whilst analysing the current and future state of dentistry and national oral health need. Any proposed changes will then be developed with the assistance of an expert reference group.

For more information on the new process, please [visit our website](#).

What have we been blogging about?

Our blogs can provide you with quick updates about the latest developments on how we're working with professionals and our partners to protect patients and maintain public confidence in dentistry. We are also increasingly publishing guest blogs and information to provide additional context and help you to stay informed.

Over the last month we have posted blogs on:

- [What we mean when we talk about right-touch regulation.](#)
- [Observations from the clinical fellows' leadership in dentistry workshop.](#)
- [Advice on the new the NHSmail password policy.](#)
- [Our third and final blog in our series on reflective practice.](#)

Please [visit the blog section](#) of our new and improved website for these blogs and more.

Government responds to Promoting professionalism

The Government has issued its response to the Department of Health and Social Care (DHSC) consultation, [Promoting professionalism; reforming regulation](#), which closed on 23 January 2018.

The DHSC received over 900 responses to the proposals, presented in recognition of the need to reform the current bureaucratic and inflexible legislative framework, which has led to inefficient and complex systems of professional regulation.

The Government now plans to put forward legislation amending the fitness to practise processes and operating framework. The timetable for reform is yet to be announced, but the changes aim to deliver:

- modern and efficient fitness to practise processes
- better supported professionals, and
- more responsive and accountable regulation.

For further details on the issues raised and the proposed changes, please visit [gov.uk](#).