

## News and updates

### View from the Chair

Dr Helen Phillips highlights the ‘real step forward’ that the Minister for Health and Care, Stephen Kinnock MP expressed at our recent announcement about the new ORE contract, which could more than double the number of dentists joining the register via the ORE route. The Chair also reflects on the value of meeting our stakeholders and partners, understanding each other’s priorities and what professionalism means for dentistry.

[Read more on the Chair’s reflections this month.](#)

## Complete your annual renewal before 31 December

**(Dentists only)**

Your annual renewal period opened on 10 November. To complete your annual renewal this year, there’s a few things you need to make sure you do:

- pay your Annual Retention Fee (ARF) by 31 December

- declare that you have, or will have, indemnity in place by 31 December. You must confirm you have appropriate indemnity or insurance cover in place by the time you start practising.
- complete the minimum number of CPD hours you need to do.

The working patterns survey is still available for you to complete in your [eGDC](#) when you do your renewal. The survey asks you how you work, where you work and how long you work for each week and provides important information about the dental sector.

You'll then have until 28 January to make your CPD statement. Remember, any CPD you do after 1 January will count towards your next CPD year.

[Read more on your renewal.](#)

## Modernising the registration experience

We are modernising our registration processes, as set out in our strategy for 2026–2028. In early 2026 we will introduce a new online registration service, myGDC, which will replace eGDC.

myGDC will make the application process more straightforward for people joining the register for the first time, and dental professionals adding additional titles or specialties, or rejoining the register. Applicants will have less reliance on paperwork and see real-time status updates for their applications.

Registrants will be able to keep their information up to date more easily, complete their annual renewal and working patterns information and manage their CPD declaration.

We invited stakeholders across the dental sector for a preview and their feedback will help us to plan a smooth transition. There will be more engagement sessions in early 2026.

Dental professionals don't need to take any action now. We'll provide more information in January.



## **GDC publishes ambitious new strategy to build trust and transform dental regulation**

We have published our new strategy 2026-2028, committing to significant change and improvement over the next three years - and towards 2030.

Our vision is to be a trusted and effective regulator, supporting dental professionals to provide safe and effective care for their patients. To do this, we will champion a model of regulation that supports professionalism, enables learning, and resolves issues quickly and proportionately.

[Read more about our strategy.](#)



## Discrimination has no place in dentistry

Two years on from our statement about ‘Maintaining professional standards in relation to controversial issues’, we are clear that discrimination has no place in dentistry. We urge dental professionals to think carefully about how what they say and do may be perceived by their patients, their fellow professionals and the wider community, and to act at all times in ways which reflect high standards of professionalism.

[Read the updated statement here.](#)

**GDC announces new alternative evidence policy to support refugee and displaced dental professionals**

We have announced a new policy to accept alternative forms of evidence from refugee and displaced dental professionals, removing unnecessary barriers for those unable to provide standard documentation due to circumstances beyond their control.

The policy will apply to dentists with international qualifications pursuing exam-based routes to join our register, as well as dental care professionals with overseas qualifications undergoing assessment.

[Find out more.](#)

## **New research reveals participants' experiences of our Fitness to Practise process**

We have published two research reports that deepen understanding of Fitness to Practise (FtP), providing valuable insight into how the process could be further improved for participants as part of our strategy to improve the FtP process.

The first developed and evaluated a [survey of registrant and informant experiences](#) up to the Case Examiner decision. The second examined [communication and support](#) throughout the FtP process, involving registrants, informants and GDC staff.

[Read about the key findings from the reports.](#)



## Other recent news

[Blogpost: The Staircase of a Tooth: A Restorative Philosophy for a New Era](#)

## Information and guidance *(Sent to stakeholders)*

[Revised Scope of Practice guidance](#)

[Reports and Publications](#)

[Supporting the dental team - a guide for managers and employers](#)

## Support and guidance *(sent to DCPs only)*

[Annual Renewal and Fees](#)

[CPD for dental professionals](#)

[Revised Scope of Practice guidance](#)

## Useful links

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