

News and updates

View from the Chair: my commitment to you, my observations so far, and looking ahead to important decisions and meeting stakeholders

The GDC's new Chair, Dr Helen Phillips, in her first blog post commits to working collaboratively with dental professionals and stakeholder organisations. Meeting colleagues and Council Members, Dr Phillips says it has provided an invaluable opportunity to learn more about what we each bring to dental regulation and our commitment to making a positive difference.

[View from the Chair](#)

(The piece below was sent to Dentists only.)

Annual renewal opens in November

The annual renewal window for dentists opens in early November.

To take advantage of paying your annual retention fee (ARF) by direct debit instalments, dentists will need to opt in by midnight on 31 October via their [eGDC account](#). As a reminder, dentists will need to make sure they do the following to complete their renewal this year:

- pay their ARF by 31 December
- make their CPD statement by 28 January (any CPD they do after 1 January will count towards their next CPD year)

- declare that they have, or will have, indemnity or insurance in place.

[Find out more about paying your ARF](#)

Revised Scope of Practice guidance published

We have published [our revised Scope of Practice guidance](#) after a comprehensive review and collaboration with dental professionals, education providers, indemnifiers, and other key stakeholders.

The updated guidance will take effect on 1 November 2025. The current version will remain in effect until then.

The updates do not change the scope of practice of any dental professions. Instead, the revised guidance is designed to:

- Better support dental professionals in using their judgement to act in patients' best interests.
- Clarify boundaries between roles within the dental team.
- Strengthen team-working to improve patient care.

We are holding **online sessions for all dental professions** to explain the changes to the guidance and answer any questions. You can find more information and book a place on our [Eventbrite](#) page.

You can read the Scope of Practice consultation outcome report on our [consultation page](#).

New GDC Chair and Council Members take office



Dr Helen Phillips has officially started her role as Chair of the GDC today (1 October), bringing a wealth of senior experience across a 30-year career in sectors including insurance, legal, social care and further education.

Helen will be joined by Dr Bill Gunnyeon CBE and Mike Driver CB who both commenced four-year terms today as lay Council members.

[Find out more](#)

GDC publishes revised Standards for Education

We have published a revised version of the Standards for Education and the consultation outcome report. The Standards set out the requirements expected of all education programmes that lead to registration with the GDC and are the framework of our quality assurance processes.

Last reviewed in 2015, the latest revisions reflect recent developments in dentistry, the GDC's strategic priorities, demographic changes, and the changes in healthcare over the past decade.

The revised Standards will be in use from the 2026/27 academic year.

[Read the revised Standards](#)



Join us at this year's Dentistry Show

Come and visit us at our stand at the Dentistry Show at ExCel London this Friday and Saturday (3 and 4 October). Our team will be on hand to answer your questions or have a chat about the latest developments in dentistry.

Find us at stand K30.

A promotional banner for the Dentistry Show London. The banner features the 'ds' logo and the text 'Dentistry Show London' and '3-4 October 2025 | ExCel'. The main message is 'WE ARE EXHIBITING AT DSL25 Stand K30 3-4 October | ExCel London'. The banner has a dark blue background with a white wavy pattern on the left side. Diagonal banners at the top and bottom repeat the text 'EXHIBITING AT DSL'.

(The piece below was sent to Stakeholders only.)

Organisational Performance Reports

The GDC's organisational performance reports have been published. These are quarterly reports providing a summary of the GDC's performance on our core functions and the progress made to deliver the workplan set out in the Costed Corporate Plan.

[Read the reports](#)

Other recent news

[GDC publishes whistleblowing disclosures report](#)

[GDC awarded Silver for EDI excellence](#)

[NHS dental contract reform \(Wales\)](#)

Support and guidance (Sent to only DCP)

[Annual renewal and fees](#) (Dentist Only Newsletter)

[CPD for dental professionals](#)

[Dental practitioner advice and support services](#)

[Indemnity guidance](#) (Sent to DCP Only)

Information and guidance (Sent to stakeholders only)

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

[Resources for education providers](#)

[Reports and publications](#)

Useful links

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Dental Complaints Service

Dental Professionals Hearings Service