

## **GDPG Report**

**May 2019**

GDPG met on 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2019 at BDA HQ, London.

1. The present GDPG Chair, Henrik Overgaard – Nielsen is standing for the Brexit party in the upcoming European Parliamentary Elections in May 2019. A discussion was held as to the suitability of him remaining as Chair of GDPG. Following a vote GDPG said that his chairship should cease should he be elected as it would represent a conflict of interest, but would be able to stand again for Chair of GDPG when he is no longer an MEP, subject to the usual process. A final decision will be reached by the BDA.
2. Peter Ward presented on BDA Indemnity which launched in April and will be open to application from June 2019. It will be occurrence based, insurance backed and only for dentists. Retroactive cover will not apply so those who have previously bought insurance-based policies (not Dental Protection/DDU), so those people will still need run off cover.
3. England Contract Reform
  - a. Data from the NHS England reform group shows that a weighted three-year capitation approach is favoured based on deprivation (patient postcode), age and gender (adults only) using a nationally derived patient value to aim to remove UDA inequities.
  - b. The UDA remains (for now) as the payment method for non-capitated activity.
  - c. Performance trade off available between capitation (patient numbers) and activity (UDA) to hit overall target with capitation seeming the more important aspect. Around 15% of prototype practices failed to hit target in 2017/18, compared with 24% of UDA practices.
  - d. RAG assessments showing bidirectional movement with large numbers of patients lost to follow up. Reports of improved access but reduced accessibility.
  - e. Potential 2020/21 roll out of both blend A and B, in addition to remaining on the current 2006 contract.
4. Sustainability – how can dental practices become more environmentally friendly? The biggest carbon footprint comes from patients travelling to appointments. Work is ongoing on this thread.
5. Service Costs for Training Practices as part of foundation training have not been uplifted. Letters have been written to Health Education England on this, a reply is awaited.
6. No further updates on never events due to a lack of response from the Department of Health.
7. DDRB oral evidence was given in April 2019 with a stress on the recruitment and retention crisis across the four nations, the report will be sent to Ministers in June, again delaying the receipt of any uplift.
8. Jim Lafferty was re-elected to the British Dental Guild. The Guild helps provide funding to support the GDPG. LDC's are encouraged to donate. The Guild Rate has been increased to £300 per session.
9. LDC Conference is in June in Birmingham.

The next meeting is October 2019

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