

GDPC Report

October 2019

1. HMRC may be removing their guidance on **self employed status of associates**, but nothing is likely to change. The BDA contract remains robust and a suitable contracting method.
2. The BDA evidence to the **Westminster Health and Social Care Select Committee Inquiry into Dentistry** was reviewed.
3. In **England Contract Reform** 102 practices are in the scheme, split across two blends of varying capitation and activity splits. It seems that practices who fail to meet department of health proposed entry criteria (minimum 80% performance) may be stuck in the UDA system ad infinitum, or be forced to rebase. Transition arrangements were discussed.
4. In some parts of England, **FD UDA targets** have been set at 1500, with the possibility of training having to be extended if this target is not hit. Clarification has been sought from Health Education England.
5. The latest **dental assurance reviews** from the BSA are looking at incomplete treatments, band 2 fissure sealants, band 3 inlays and an urgent treatment followed by a band 2 with no examination. There was no consultation on the publication of this. GDPC will be writing to the BSA, why are these reviews necessary and why was there no consultation. This will cause more underclaiming and very dangerous.
6. **Clawback** is now around 5% of the total dentistry budget across England, with reports of 80% of practices in the North East being subject to clawback. The average amount of clawback is around 15% of gross income.
7. **DDR** process lags again, we do not know when the process for this years evidence will start.
8. Was not brought framework was discussed, looking at noting **“was not brought”** rather than DNA/FTA.
9. New **ARF** £650 for the next three years. From January overseas applicants will have to pay to submit an application. It appears UK graduates will be exempt from this.
10. **LDC Conference** 4th and 5th June 2020 in Brighton at the Grand Hotel.
11. **LDC Officials Day** 29th November at Congress House, including implementation of PASS schemes and attracting a diverse LDC membership.

The next meeting is 31st January 2020

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