

GDPC Report

January 2020

1. Dave Cottam was re-elected chair with Shawn Charlwood and Vijay Sudra as vice chairs.
2. Reminder to LDC's to make a donation to the **British Dental Guild** to help the running of the GDPC. A rate of £25 per dentist in the LDC per year is suggested.
3. **England contract reform:**
 - a. Useful blog by Penny Whitehead on BDA website.
 - b. Snails pace of reform with little imminent sign of progress.
 - c. NHS England need to work to make the product appeal.
 - d. £138million clawback in England.
4. Following meetings with the BSA, GDPC reps have vastly reduced the thresholds for triggering **dental assurance reviews**. A standard letter will be sent out by the BSA requesting internal reflection and a six month period before anything else is done for those now severe outliers, in addition to the offer of BSA support with commissioners not being informed. Practices can contact BSA to request further data to help with internal reflection. The stopping of this should help reduce the fear of claiming.
5. It is beyond the remit of BSA to suggest clinical advice in their **spotlight articles**. GDPC have called for their removal and all future articles will be run past GDPC.
6. The updating **NHS UK website profiles** of these may become a contractual requirement. GDPC members would wish if this is put in a payment to the practice should be made. It is again more time spent on admin.
7. Rox MacMullan presented on **stress** and work being done in Northern Ireland.
8. The next **LDC Conference** is in Brighton in 4th 5th June 2020, registration opens in mid February. Initiatives include 30 additional invites for young dentists with a myth busting event. The deadline for motions is 20th April.
9. MyDentist taking dentists from overseas and getting them to work as therapists. Concern has been raised with the GDC.
10. Challenges with the number of foundation training places with a reduction across the country.
11. The next meeting of the GDPC is May 2020.

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