

## April GDPC Conference Call

### Report – 17<sup>th</sup> April 2020

1. This afternoon I was on a conference call with GDPC.
  - a. England based urgent sites are lagging behind Wales in terms of operational status.
  - b. There was a suggestion that Public Health England have said that only “approved” PPE from an NHS supply chain is to allowed to be used, and that masks from Screwfix etc are not ok. Clearly this will have an impact on indemnity. BDA are making inquiries on this.
  - c. It seems that should one work in an urgent care centre your normal **indemnity** will cover you as you will be doing dentistry – it may be prudent to contact your provider to advise them in particular if you are working not in your normal location.
  - d. There is ongoing discussion in England about contractual arrangements for April 2020 to find a position possibly similar to Wales (80%).
  - e. BDA have written several times to the Chancellor and Health Minister looking at business rates, self-employed support and other topics to provide much needed improved help to **private practices**.
2. Pay disputes: The BDA has a useful **pay resolution** service for associates. <https://bda.org/advice/Coronavirus/Pages/associates-coronavirus.aspx>
3. **MP letter**: The BDA have created a template letter to be send to MP’s (your local MP’s data will be inputted based on your postcode) looking at provision of support for mixed and private practices. Please take the time to complete this – its not a big job but may well help keep practices afloat. <https://bda.eaction.org.uk/safetynet>
4. Work is being carried out on the **exit strategy** from the current restrictions. Ideas are welcomed.

For those working in **urgent care centres** please fill out this BDA questionnaire – it looks at PPE amongst other issues. Anyone can respond. <https://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/urgentcareppe/>

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