

WGDPC Chair update to LDCs

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Late on Friday afternoon a new FAQ from Welsh Government was received

[https://dental.walesdeanery.org/sites/default/files/2020-07-24 - restoration of dental services-amber_phase-faqs_final_pdf.pdf](https://dental.walesdeanery.org/sites/default/files/2020-07-24_-_restoration_of_dental_services-amber_phase-faqs_final_pdf.pdf). This answers several of the outstanding questions from the letters WGDPC have previously sent to the CDO, but leaves some outstanding. These will be brought up again in addition to pushback on others.

This week it was announced that the report from the DDRB on pay uplifts has gone to Ministers for their consideration. Welsh Government have accepted the recommendation of the DDRB of 2.8%. I will be meeting the CDO next week to discuss this and what the exact uplift will be as the exact uplift is dependent on a formula which varies across the countries of the UK.

LDC Conference meets on Saturday 25th, with many LDCs from Wales sending in motions, the results of which will help dictate policy for Welsh GDPC going forward. Topics within the motions include PPE, representation of Associates, taking the collection of the patient charge away from practices, contract reform – including the urgent ACORN, the GDC and many more. Further details can be found at <https://www.ldcuk.org/>

The ongoing concerns about fallow time are heard and a source of concern for all. HEIW have put out a link to a survey on views on aerosols <https://cardiff.onlinesurveys.ac.uk/1-perceptions-of-aerosol-transmission-and-ppe-covid-19-w>

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