

## WGDPC Chair Update to LDCs

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Welsh GDPC met on 16<sup>th</sup> October and discussed the wide-ranging challenges faced by the profession as a whole, from NHS, mixed and solely private perspectives.

The CDO for Wales attended and the issues around a **potential national lockdown** were discussed; whilst Dr Bridgman said that overall lockdown plans were still in development by Welsh Government; as far as dentistry is concerned the current SOP stands and that dentistry remains a key part of healthcare. We discussed **NHS contract plans** beyond April 2021 with the CDO and again urged the need for ongoing piloting of changes.

The CDO has taken on board concerns from WGDPC members over calculation of **fallow time**, with varying approaches being taken across Wales. There is an urgent need for clarity and this will be followed up.

Concerns around the proposed agreement between **HEIW and Educational Supervisors** were discussed with Professor David Thomas and Richard Herbert from HEIW, following on from recent correspondence sent from Welsh GDPC and a planned BDA internal review of the proposed agreement. HEIW are taking these views on board with a view to adapting the agreement accordingly which will then be subject to further WGDPC scrutiny. It was also confirmed that HEIW would be looking into the quality assurance process of existing educational supervisor reappointment.

Welsh GDPC policy is developed via motions submitted at **LDC conference**, the most recent motions were discussed with responses being shortly circulated to colleagues, including what Welsh GDPC is doing to action the motions.

I have been in touch with the GDC regarding **CPR CPD** for this year and have been advised that a suitable online course will suffice. They have supplied the following statement.

*“Medical emergencies is not a mandatory CPD requirement, however, it is a topic we have identified as being highly recommended as part of the minimum verifiable CPD requirement. I can confirm that there is no requirement for CPD to take a particular form and that we do not prescribe the number of hours that should be spent on this topic. Particularly at this time, many registrants may wish to consider using an online provider and we are happy for them to do so. However, the GDC also expects registrants to exercise their own judgment regarding whether the CPD they choose to do meets our requirements by carefully considering the Standards for the Dental Team and their scope of practice. The Standards are available on our website at: <https://www.gdc-uk.org/information-standards-guidance/standards-and-guidance/standards-for-the-dental-team>. In addition, please note that the GDC does not endorse or quality assure any individual CPD providers. We recommend that all dental professionals, as consumers of CPD, make careful choices when investing time and money in CPD products and services and obtain advance assurances as to the quality and value for money.*

*Please also note that in order to count a CPD activity towards a registrant’s verifiable CPD requirement, the certificate they obtain for completing the activity should contain the criteria below:*

- *The subject, learning content, aims and objectives;*
- *The anticipated GDC development outcomes of the CPD;*
- *The date(s) that the CPD was undertaken;*
- *The total number of hours of CPD undertaken;*
- *The name of the professional who has participated in the CPD activity;*
- *That the CPD is subject to quality assurance, with the name of the person or body providing the quality assurance;*
- *Confirmation from the provider that the information contained in it is full and accurate.*

*Registrants must also be able to produce the certificate they receive if the GDC requests sight of it for audit purposes, whether it is an online certificate or a physical certificate.*

*I can confirm that the overall number of CPD hours registrants are required to complete has not changed from the requirements outlined on the GDC website and in the link to the ECPD booklet below:*

<https://www.gdc-uk.org/education-cpd/cpd/enhanced-cpd-scheme-2018/>

*However, as the specific CPD requirements an individual registrant has depends on their CPD record and where they are in their CPD cycle, we are happy to provide an individual breakdown to registrants if they have any further queries and wish to contact us directly at: [cpd@gdc-uk.org](mailto:cpd@gdc-uk.org)*

*I hope you find this information helpful and I can confirm that we are happy for this response to be circulated more widely to your colleagues”*

Following on from replies to a Welsh BDA Chairs letter on extended expiry dates of supplied **FFP3** masks, I have written to HIW to confirm their position on this and will report back.

Colleagues will have seen recent emails around **eDEN** roll out to NHS providers – I have asked on behalf of performers whether this group will have access to eDEN with the ability to review own ACORN data and was advised that access for performers will be provided in due course.

Finally, but importantly BDA have launched a new **practice owner survey** - <https://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/COVIDtracker/>, please complete to help shape policy.

Best wishes

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