

Report from LDC Officials Day 27/11/20 held on zoom

Update from Eddie Crouch (Chair of BDA Principal Executive Committee)

Amalgam will be phased out by 2030.

Prevention has been pushed up the agenda ,and there has been a promising update on fluoridation

Disputes between associates and principals have increased during Covid times (over 500 cases).Unfortunately the BDA had no legal jurisdiction in these cases after taking legal advice,so resolution was not always successful ,especially if both parties didn't engage .Requests for NHS England,who are ultimately responsible for resolutions to amend SFE payments via NHSBSA in disputed cases,have taken place to no avail at the present time

Dentists and their teams are classified as frontline workers so should be prioritised for Covid vaccination.

Update from Dave Cottam (chair of GDPC)

There has been weekly meetings with the English CDO , and lots of updates on SOP especially the use of FFP3 masks ,ventilation ,and the disparity of the reusable gowns.Free PPE is being provided from the NHS portal .Many practices can't afford to invest in the equipment ,which is necessary to reduce the fallow time.

It is good news about being key workers for the covid vaccination ,it is unfortunate that it doesn't apply to the flue vaccination.

Update from Shareena Ilyas (Co chair of the Equality ,Diversity and Inclusion Committee0

This has only been running for a year . It has been set up to tackle racism in dentistry

88% of practice owners are male , 78% are white and 19% are owned by Asians.There was a recommended course on unconscious bias

NHS Contacted arrangements -update and discussion

The 2.5 % pay rise will be back dated to April 20.

There has been consultations to allow hygienists and therapists to supply medicines ,and to be able to prescribe LA , F- varnish and Duraphat without needing a prescription from a dentist.

It was proposed that a career associate could have a protected seat on GDPC ,but was rejected.

The NHS wants increased compacity ,but this can only occur if the fallow time can be reduced

Update from Shaun Charlwood(Vice chair of GDPC)

He produced a set of slides which can be found on the LDC telegraph messenger site,outlining what has occurred since 8th of June the continued monthly payment of 1/12 th of the contract value ,with no abatement as there was recognition of the higher costs of PPE,if 20% of the usual volumes of patient care activity was achieved – to what is likely to occur going forward.

In the last third of the year discussions have been focussed on how much activity above the 20% can be achieved. The NHS want to monitor output by moving back to UDA's ,they have no resources or appetite to reform the dental contract.GDPC have argued against this .Looking to the future ,potentially we could have a core contract with increased focus on prevention and stabilisation.

Len D'Cruz (head of BDA Indemnity)

Predisposing factors for complaints :-

Rudeness, delays, inattentiveness, miscommunication and apathy. There is often a rise in complaints during a recession due to financial pressures. Patients must not feel pressurised into having private treatment.

Due to quick notes on computers we are no longer sure if it is written down, that we can really be sure that it did occur .If isn't written down ,then it didn't happen .So make sure notes are relevant to the patient

It is important to have an SOP in place, following national guidance.

If you decide to administer Covid 19 vaccinations, the NHS should provide indemnity as it is outside the scope of routine practice

Update from John Milne (senior National Advisor for CQC)

The CQC want to focus on higher risk sevicees .The CQC visits will be once every 10 years going forward ,unless there are issues raised.The visits will be between 1-2 hours long, and be more supportive in their approach.There will be an increased focus on infection control

,access and leadership . They will be piloting new ways of gathering information from those who use the service

Update from Stephan Czerniaswski (Director of strategy for the GDC)

There will be a new chair for the GDC ,many at the Official's day felt this should be a dentist .Stefan felt they may not possess many of the skills needed for the post .He realised that this message was poorly received ,and back tracked saying if a dentist had the right skill set then they would obviously be able to apply.He had only been in the post less than a year and intended to engage more fully with the profession ,but had not been able to due to Covid Restrictions.

Supporting Teams through a pandemic -Roz McMullan

The mental health of dentists had severely been affected by covid ,leading to burnout and anxiety .Support has become more available from the BDA (which now offers a 24 hour help line) ,The Dentists @Health Support Trust ,Confidential and Pass schemes .