

# GDPC Chair's update

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Chair  
General Dental Practice Committee

- 5 letters of preparedness/updates from OCDO and NHSE for England
- Standard Operating procedures BDA toolkit, FGDP, Denplan, SDCEP
- PHE primacy
- Workforce data
- Triaging via compass

# BDA negotiations

- Getting ahead of the curve meetings
- Twice weekly meetings with NHSE and/or OCDO discussing contractual and operating issues
- Thanks to all involved in negotiations
  
- Wales, Scotland and N. Ireland

## BDA Various

- BDA website is the first go to site for information
- Associate Disputes
- Business Interruption insurance
- Student and FD training
- Health Assured and 24/7 counselling help
- FAQ's
- 2.8% pay increase

# Work to support private dentistry

- Lobbying the chancellor to:
  - Ensure easier access to business interruption loans
  - Extend business rates relief to all practices
  - Raise £50k cap on Self-employment Income Support Scheme
- Lobbying MPs on same issues
  - 101 MPs wrote to Chancellor
  - Separate approach from 28 Conservative MPs
- Meetings with Minister Jo Churchill
- Evidence to Commons Health and Finance Committees
- Worked with other health professions in joint lobbying
  - Joint letters with vets, optometrists, chiropodists etc
- Widespread media activity on private dentistry
  - Sunday Times, Mail on Sunday, BBC, LBC, Belfast Telegraph, other devolved nation coverage
- Advising and lobbying on business interruption insurance
- GPDC group and liaison with BAPD
- Working with Office of CDO and other stakeholders to make case for ongoing support



# General Dental Council

- Lobbied on ARF level and decision on instalments
- Mick Armstrong letter 20<sup>th</sup> May
- “Despite recognising the dire financial circumstances in which many practices and individual registrants find themselves, the GDC has not seen fit to provide even token support, citing no fundamental change to the work it does and the little financial impact the move would have on registrants.”
- Raised with GDC their approach to furloughing staff

# Black, Asian & minority ethnic (BAME) dentists

- Advice in BDA toolkit and in FAQs on supporting BAME dentists
- Responsibility to ensure risk assessment of BAME groups across primary care in England
- Black Lives Matter – BDA statement
- BDA group working to consider experience of BAME dentists involved in representative roles
- BDA research into experience of BAME dentists

## Fit testing

- HEE and NHSE providing training for 560 via RPA with help from LDN's and LDC's.
- Testing kits and solutions provided
- Testing for dental teams within own practices and other colleagues
- Indemnity and honorary contracts



# PPE

- Appendix 1 of transition to recovery SOP and IPC guidance
- Continuing availability issues of FFP3 and FFP2 masks
- Reusable masks/respirators
- Reusable gowns
- Nitrile gloves
- BDA website

## Agreed contractual arrangements

- Abatement agreements
- UDC practices
- Face to Face and normal NHS working hours
- MINIMUM 20% volume of patient care activity
- No priority of private activity over NHS activity
- No significant increase in private provision over and above NHS provision – assurance checks and declaration.
- Continued staff engagement

## Work in progress

- 2019-2020 clawback
- Abatement repayments
- Orthodontics
- IMOS and specialist contracts
- Fallow period and virus settle down times
- Moving from sustained transmission to level 2
- Local spikes eg Leicester and other areas

# Ongoing negotiations



Q3 AND Q4?



2021 AND BEYOND



WHAT WILL BE THE NEW  
CURRENCY?



TO DISCUSS THIS AND MORE  
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GDPC