



**SCOTTISH DENTAL PRACTICE COMMITTEE
12 FEBRUARY 2020
REPORT**

A meeting of the Scottish Dental Practice Committee (SDPC) was held on Wednesday 12 February 2020 at the BDA Scotland office.

1. SDPC Executive Sub-Committee Elections

Jeff Ellis, Clare Murphy and Judith Brady were re-elected and Donald Morrison was elected as the fourth member.

2. Representatives to Other Committees

Members of SDPC were reminded that they are expected to attend internal and external meetings they have agreed to sit on, and to provide timeous reports for SDPC.

3. Scottish Government New Models of Care

The Chair gave an update on the development of the “new model of care” for adult NHS dentistry, noting he sits on the Scottish Government (SG) Design Group 1 which had been tasked with developing a prevention-based model and an oral health assessment.

Josephine Weir sits on Design Group 2 which is redesigning how the GDS is delivered for adult dentistry. It is SG’s aim to bring the two Design Groups together later in the year to take the models forward. Members noted their concerns that SG will not discuss funding for the new arrangements at this time as it will be considered later in the process and will be agreed by SG and SDPC. Members noted that keeping the funding arrangements off the agenda could have implications on dental practices’ future business models and on patient care.

4. DDRB Expenses Exercise

A meeting was being arranged between SDPC and SG to arrange and agree this year’s dental expenses survey and how best to encourage dentists to complete it in order to help inform GDPs’ pay uplift.

5. Dental Allowances

SG has agreed to review a request from BDA Scotland to re-establish the Dental Allowances Group. The group was placed in abeyance when the OHIP consultation was published in 2016.

6. Legionella – CPI

It was reported that the CDO (Scotland) had instructed that a legionella risk assessment must be carried out by a competent person and the dentist will not be

the competent person. The assessment will be a one-off unless there was an outbreak or the practice alters its water system. There will not be a written control scheme (WCS). Until the legionella risk assessment for dental practices is agreed, practices will not be expected to have carried out an assessment or have a WCS. Members were concerned it remained unclear who the 'competent' person would be. Members were also concerned how this would be funded.

7. Coronavirus

Concerns were raised by members about purchasing restrictions being placed on dental face masks in light of the coronavirus.

Ongoing and Future Items of Discussion

Lengthy waiting times for paediatric extractions under general anaesthetic
Quality Improvement – Safety Climate Survey
Planned Improvements to SCI Gateway in NHS Greater Glasgow & Clyde
Emergency Drugs

8. ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will take place on Wednesday 20 May 2020 at the BDA Scotland office at 13:30hrs.

David McColl
Chair SDPC

March 2020