



## **BDA Executive Update** 07.09.13

### **Review Body Evidence Committee meets to discuss pay**

Review Body Evidence Committee met on Tuesday this week to review the latest draft of the evidence submission to the Review Body on Doctors' and Dentists' Remuneration. Consideration was also given to the reports on the state of general dental practice and salaried services in the UK, which will support the evidence, which will be submitted on Friday 27 September.

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### **BDA urges retirement age change re-think**

The BDA has urged that proposals to align the retirement age of dentists with the state pension age should be abandoned.

Responding to the *NHS Working Longer Review*, the BDA has reiterated [concerns](#) about the proposal, stressing the particular circumstances that make the change inappropriate, and potentially dangerous, in dentistry.

Dentists are currently able to retire at age 60 if they are members of the 1995 NHS Pension Scheme, or 65 if members of the 2008 NHS Pension Scheme.

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### **SDPC decision gives funding uplift green light**

An agreed funding uplift for general dental practice across Scotland is to be implemented following a decision not to pursue a judicial review process that would have prevented the award being made.

Following careful consideration of the potential consequences of accepting the award uplift or pursuing a legal case, the BDA's Scottish Dental Practice Committee has decided not to pursue a judicial review of Scottish Government's decision to recover alleged overpayments of patient registration fees. It was made clear to SDPC by Scottish Government that, if such a challenge were made, the uplift agreed by SDPC in good faith earlier this year would not be honoured. This would have led to practices across Scotland being deprived of the funding indefinitely. It would also have caused significant pension detriment in the long term. Instead now, the uplift will be implemented from 1 November 2013 and backdated to 1 April.

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### **Ballot of Salaried Dentists in Scotland**

Salaried dentists in Scotland have voted overwhelmingly to accept the new terms and conditions and pay scales which were successfully negotiated by the Scottish Salaried Dentists Committee and BDA staff.

Independently verified results showed a total of 257 dentists were in favour of the new contract while only 26 chose to vote against it. [Details of the new contract](#) are available to view on the BDA Scotland website.

A full report on the ballot will be produced for the PEC in due course and further information about implementation and assimilation will be available following further discussion with Scottish Government Health and Social Care Directorates.

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### **The BDA Scottish Scientific Conference and Exhibition**

The BDA Scottish Scientific Conference and Exhibition 2013 took place this week at the Crowne Plaza Glasgow. The event has grown significantly from previous years to include four distinct lecture streams: clinical focus, pain management, core CPD and a stream for the dental team. It attracted 355 delegates and 38 exhibitors, including the BADN, ADAM and BSDHT who are supporting the event and MDDUS the conference sponsor. The conference was opened by Margie Taylor, Chief Dental Officer for Scotland.

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### **Future use of dental amalgam**

Chair of the Health and Science Committee Graham Stokes spoke at the 22nd European Dental Materials meeting in Birmingham on 29 August. His presentation addressed the impact of the Minamata treaty on the use of dental amalgam and described the key role the BDA played in the drafting of the treaty to ensure that amalgam remains available for dentists in the UK.

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### **Training Essentials**

A hands-on course on the 'Management of medical emergencies' took place on Friday 6 September. Kent and Medical Emergency Trainer Vipul Patel brought delegates up to date with the latest standards and procedures when managing and preventing medical emergencies. Practical sessions on basic life support and CPR were included. The course offered core CPD and attracted 20 delegates from the whole dental team.

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