

BDA welcomes Royal College of Surgeons announcement on cosmetic injectables

The BDA has welcomed the recommendation by the Royal College of Surgeons of England (RCS) that only appropriately trained doctors, dentists and nurses should carry out injectable cosmetic procedures such as Botox. This guidance is part of a [new standards document](#) published on 29 January. The standards have been published in advance of publication of a Government review of the regulation of cosmetic interventions, expected in March. The BDA responded to its call for evidence in August last year by saying dentists' clinical training, ethical and legal obligations, facilities and daily practice give them an ideal skill base to provide cosmetic injectable procedures, subject to appropriate training.

The Independent Healthcare Advisory Service (IHAS) provides the opportunity for providers in this field to join a voluntary register through the [Treatments You Can Trust](#) website.

The European Standardisation Organisation (CEN) is in the process of developing a European standard on cosmetic procedures. The BDA has been working with the British Standards Institution (BSI) to ensure that dentists can continue to provide such treatments.

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YDC meeting aims to build on manifesto pledges

The Young Dentists Committee met on Friday 1 February to discuss a wide variety of issues affecting young dentists. Members looked to capitalise on the success of the [YDC Asks mini manifesto](#) and decided to undertake some more focused work on two of the main themes, career progression and the role in practice of young dentists. Education and training are high on their agenda and they reviewed the recent round of applications for dental foundation training in England. The Committee looked at the implications for younger associates in the future of the advanced care pathways being developed in conjunction with the dental contract pilots in England. Finally members discussed the current Northern Ireland consultation on treatments available through the General Dental Service and its effects on younger members of the profession. The Chair of Principal Executive Committee, Martin Fallowfield, spoke on professionalism and leadership and about the role of the PEC and some of the priorities for the next few years.

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Early bird conference pass deadline looming

Prospective delegates for this year's British Dental Conference and Exhibition have until 4 February to buy passes at early bird rates. After that date, prices increase for both dentists and DCPs. Confirmed headline speakers for the event, which takes place at ExCeL, London, from 25-27 April, include US aesthetic expert Dr Robert Lowe, Dawson Academy Director Dr Ian Buckle and endodontic practitioner Dr Mark Hunter. Further details and booking information are available on the [event website](#). Special booking offers include a free one-day conference pass for BDA members and a free DCP Conference pass for all dentists purchasing a two- or three-day conference pass.

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The British Dental Association has expanded its pool of Good Practice Scheme assessors

Sixteen new [Good Practice Scheme](#) assessors recently attended a training day in London and a further five attended training in Scotland. Scheme assessors carry out on-site assessments to ensure practices are meeting the Good Practice Scheme standard. From spring 2013 all new applications for membership will be assessed on-site and the BDA is also introducing on-site assessments on a three-year cycle for all 1,800 member practices. The assessors are dentists and practice managers who have demonstrated skills in assessment and have the expertise to deliver this element of quality assurance for the Scheme.

Dentist Colin Gardner, a new recruit practising in Glasgow, said: "I believe peer assessment with good honest acknowledgement of strengths and weaknesses, supported by the BDA, can facilitate valuable development for individuals, for practices and for the broader profession."

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Training essentials course on treatment planning

On Friday 1 February the training course, 'Treatment planning: the dental team's responsibility' took place at the BDA attracting 24 delegates. Ash Parmar, private GDP in Essex, discussed how to carry out effective examinations. Consultant Laura Horton talked about how to ensure the presentation of treatment options and costs are planned and communicated correctly. Delegates were encouraged to build strong relationships with their patients, provide a high level of customer care and increase confidence in their ability to provide clear, accurate diagnostic information and advice.

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