

## **BDA legal arguments win clawback delay**

Legal arguments by the British Dental Association (BDA) against NHS Scotland's Practitioner Services Division (PSD) have [won the postponement](#) of an exercise that could see the clawing back of approximately £3 million from general dental practitioners. Up to 7000 dentists could be affected by the payment or non-payment of monies in respect of duplicate registration records. The BDA's Scottish Dental Practice Committee (SDPC) believes that the administrative problems that caused the payments in respect of duplicated patients arose primarily from the Scottish Government's misguided decision to introduce non-time limited registration of patients in 2010. The BDA sought legal advice about the permitted scope of PSD's proposed actions in March 2013 and continues to dispute its right to deduct monies from payments to practices.

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## **Chief Executive's engagements**

Chief Executive Peter Ward this week attended meetings of the Northern Ireland and Metropolitan branches and provided each with an update on the progress of the new membership scheme. He has also been leading interviews for the Director of Policy and Professional Services post which will become vacant later this year.

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## **Just over one week to go until the 2013 British Dental Conference and Exhibition**

There are now 4,841 people registered for the 2013 British Dental Conference and Exhibition at London ExCeL, 504 more than at the same point last year. For more information on the event visit [www.bda.org/conference](http://www.bda.org/conference)

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## **Good Practice Scheme Gold membership attracts local media interest**

Last week's [publication](#) of a celebratory brochure honouring dental practices with Gold membership of the BDA's Good Practice Scheme has already been picked up by a number of local papers. The brochure includes profiles of the practices which have been members of the Good Practice Scheme for ten years or more, known as Gold membership. Papers which have already covered the story include the Yorkshire Evening Post, the Edinburgh Evening News, the Huddersfield Daily Examiner, the Carlisle News & Star, and the Bedfordshire Times & Citizen.

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## **BDA encourages dentists to bid generously at fund-raising auction**

The British Dental Association (BDA) is [encouraging](#) the dental family to bid generously in an auction it is organising to raise money for two leading dental charities. The auction is aiming to raise £20,000 to be split evenly between the BDA Benevolent Fund and the Bridge2Aid charities. It will be held as part of the Exhibition Hall drinks reception at 6pm on Thursday 25 April at the 2013 British Dental Conference and Exhibition at ExCeL London.

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### **BDA advises God... ..of small things**

BDA Scientific Adviser Professor Damien Walmsley this week provided advice to the *Sunday Times Magazine* for its 'God of small things' column. In response to a query from writer Matt Rudd about his wife's protests about him using her toothbrush and whether it mattered given that they kissed each other goodbye every morning anyway, Damien advised that unless they enjoy a very unusual and vigorous kiss, it simply doesn't compare to brushing as far as bacteria transfer is concerned.

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### **Voluntary Secretaries and Treasurers annual training**

The date for the annual training for the voluntary secretaries and treasurers who work with the branches and sections and salaried groups divisions will take place on Thursday 3 October at BDA London. It will cover governance, best practice, events management and basic book keeping. A full programme for the day will be available nearer to the date. CDS divisions also have a dedicated networking and training day scheduled for Wednesday 9 October in the BDA Wales office, Cardiff.

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### **Scottish Council**

A meeting of Scottish Council was held on 28 March 2013. The main items included an update from Pat Kilpatrick, Director BDA Scotland, on the September 2012 Dental Workforce Report; the draft Framework for Oral Health Improvement and Dental Services in Scottish Prisons; the East of Scotland branch vacancy; a seat on Scottish Council for a member of the Young Dentists Committee and the BDA Scottish Scientific Conference to be held on 6 September 2013. Robert Kinloch, Vice-Chair of the Principal Executive Committee gave a presentation on the new BDA Membership Scheme. The next meeting of Scottish Council will be held on 22 August 2013.

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