

**Quality Assurance Decisions**

<b>Purpose of paper</b>	<p>This paper outlines the reports published for the 2018-2019 academic year in relation to Education Quality Assurance, for <b>noting</b>.</p> <p>It also proposes an annual reporting process to Council and to the Privy Council, for <b>approval</b>.</p>
<b>Action</b>	<p>The Council is asked to <b>note</b> the publications in relation to Education Quality Assurance for 2018-2019 and <b>approve</b> the proposed reporting process.</p>
<b>Corporate Strategy 2020-22</b>	<p><b>Strategic aim 1:</b></p> <p>operate a regulatory system which protects patients and is fair to registrants, while being cost-effective and proportionate; which begins with education, supports career-long learning, promotes high standards of care and professional conduct and is developed in the light of emerging evidence and experience.</p>
<b>Decision Trail</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• In December 2011, the Council made the General Dental Council (Delegation of Functions) Rules 2011. The rules gave effect to the Council's decision to delegate decisions relating to the quality assurance of dental education to the Chief Executive and Registrar.</li> <li>• In the past the Education Quality Assurance team have regularly updated Council with recent publications of reports relating to Quality Assurance activity. This paper provides a collated report and proposed a new, more formalised, reporting process for approval.</li> </ul>
<b>Next stage</b>	<p>If approved, the team will report annually to Council and the Privy Council on the Education Quality Assurance activity of the organisation.</p>
<b>Recommendations</b>	<p>The Council is asked to <b>note</b> the publications in relation to Education Quality Assurance for 2018-2019 and <b>approve</b> the proposed reporting process.</p>
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## 1. Introduction

- 1.1 The first part of this paper reports on decisions taken by the Registrar under delegated powers relating to the quality assurance of education training for the last two academic years 2017/8 and 2018/9. The Council is asked to note this information.
- 1.2 The second part of this paper sets out a proposed annual reporting process on Education QA activity to Council and, in line with our statutory obligations, the Privy Council. The Council is asked to approve this approach.

## 2. Part 1: GDC Education Quality Assurance reports 2018/9

- 2.1 Between 2017-9, the Registrar has taken 15 decisions to agree continuing sufficiency for a BDS programme and 17 decisions to agree approval or continuing approval of Dental Care Professional (DCP) programmes. All decisions were made with reference to the *Standards for Education*.
- 2.2 The GDC Education Quality Assurance inspection reports have been published in relation to the following:

<b>Establishment</b>	<b>Qualification</b>
University of Portsmouth	Batchelor of Science (BSc) (Hons) in Dental Hygiene
Royal College of Surgeons of England (RCSEng)	Licence of Dental Surgery (LDS)
University of Dundee	Batchelor of Science (BsSc) in Oral Health Sciences (OHS)
Cardiff Metropolitan University	Bachelor of Science (BSc) (Hons) in Dental Technology (Full-time) and Foundation Degree in Science (FdSc) in Dental Technology (Part-time)
Newcastle University	Bachelor of Science (BSc) Oral and Dental Health Sciences Bachelor of Dental Surgery (BDS)
Edexcel/Pearson	BTEC Level 3 Extended Diploma in Dental Technology
University of Essex	Foundation Degree in Oral Health Science
University of the Highlands and Islands	Diploma of Higher Education in Dental Technology
Queen's University Belfast	Bachelor of Dental Surgery (BDS)
Belfast School of Dental Technology	BTEC Level 3 Extended Diploma in Dental Technology
Birmingham Metropolitan College DT	BTEC Level 3 Extended Diploma in Dental Technology
University of Birmingham	Bachelor of Dental Surgery (BDS)

<b>Establishment</b>	<b>Qualification</b>
University of Bolton	Foundation Degree in Dental Technology
Bristol University School of Dentistry	Bachelor of Dental Surgery (BDS)
Bristol University Dental Hospital School for DCPs	Diploma in Dental Hygiene and Diploma in Dental Therapy
Cardiff University	Bachelor of Dental Surgery (BDS)
City & Guilds	Level 3 Diploma in Dental Nursing
University of Glasgow	Bachelor of Dental Surgery (BDS)
King's College London	Bachelor of Dental Surgery (BDS)
University of Leeds	Bachelor of Dental Surgery (BChD)
Liverpool University	Diploma in Hygiene and Therapy and Bachelor of Dental Surgery (BDS)
Manchester University	Bachelor of Dental Surgery (BDS)
NEBDN	National Diploma in Dental Nursing
NCFE/CACHE	Level 3 Diploma in the Principles and Practice of Dental Nursing
University of Northampton	Foundation Degree in Dental Nursing
University of Plymouth	BSc (Hons) Dental Therapy and Dental Hygiene and Bachelor of Dental Surgery (BDS)
Queen Mary University of London	Bachelor of Dental Surgery (BDS)
University of Sheffield	Bachelor of Dental Surgery (BDS) and Diploma in Dental Hygiene and Dental Therapy
SQA	Dental Nursing
Teesside University	Certificate of Higher Education in Dental Nursing
University of Central Lancashire	Bachelor of Dental Surgery (BDS) and BSc (HONS) Dental Hygiene and Dental Therapy.

- 2.3 Published reports for all the above can be found [here: https://www.gdc-uk.org/education-cpd/quality-assurance/recent-inspections](https://www.gdc-uk.org/education-cpd/quality-assurance/recent-inspections)
- 2.4 In addition, the Registrar has taken 11 decisions regarding a submission for new programme.
- 2.5 The Registrar has given provisional approval to the following programmes, pending full inspection:

Year	Establishment	Qualification
2017	Barnet & Southgate College	Foundation Degree in Dental Technology awarded by Bolton University
2017	University of Leeds	BSc (Hons) in Dental Hygiene & Therapy
2017	City of Liverpool College/Open University	Dental Technology - Foundation Degree
2017	Worcester University/ Birmingham Metropolitan College	Dental Technology FdSc
2018	University of Portsmouth	BSc Dental Therapy
2018	University of Central Lancashire	BSc (Hons) Clinical Dental Technology/Diploma HE Dental Technology
2019	University of Bristol	BSc (Hons) Dental Hygiene and Dental Therapy
2019	University of Dundee	Oral Health Sciences BSc
2019	University of Liverpool	BDS
2019	University of Liverpool	BSc Dental Therapy
2019	Newcastle University	BDS (Brunei students)

2.6 It is proposed that the team report to Council annually on this work at the end of the academic year.

### **3. Part 2: Reporting to the Privy Council of Education Quality Assurance decisions and actions**

3.1 In the Dentists Act 1984, Part II, section 8 (4), it states that: "Council shall...send to the Privy Council a copy of the report and of any observations or objections duly made". This is a mandatory requirement.

3.2 To comply with this obligation, it is proposed that this information is shared annually with the Privy Council via links to the published Education Quality Assurance reports. This will take place at the end of each academic year and will include details of decisions and actions taken.

3.3 If approved, this reporting process will commence in 2019 and continue annually.

3.4 The Review of Education, which includes a summary of the Education Quality Assurance Activity, will also be shared to provide a summary of findings and the next steps.

#### 4. Actions

- 4.1 The Council is asked to **note** the publications in relation to Education Quality Assurance for 2018-2019 and **approve** the proposed reporting process. If approved, the team will report annually to Council and the Privy Council on the Education Quality Assurance activity of the organisation.