

List of useful organisations and guidance

We have compiled a list of organisations¹ and guidance documents that may help you to ensure that you are aware of, and are adhering to, laws, regulations and best practice guidance affecting your work.

This list is not exhaustive; you have an individual responsibility to find out about laws and regulations that apply to your clinical practice, premises and employment of staff, and must follow them at all times.

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¹ If you are an organisation that would like to be included in this list, please contact standards@gdc-uk.org

1. Professional Associations

- [British Dental Association](#)
- [CODE -the Professional Association for Dental Practice](#)
- [British Association of Dental Nurses](#)
- [Dental Laboratories Association](#)
- [Dental Technologists Association](#)
- [Orthodontic National Group](#)
- [Clinical Dental Technicians Association](#)
- [British Society of Dental Hygiene and Therapy](#)
- [British Association of Dental Therapists](#)

2. Indemnity Providers

- [Dental Defence Union](#)
- [Dental Protection](#)
- [Medical and Dental Defence Union of Scotland](#)
- [Towergate MIA](#)

3. Departments of Health

- [England](#)
- [Northern Ireland](#)
- [Scotland](#)
- [Wales](#)

4. Systems Regulators

- [Care Quality Commission \(England\)](#)
- [Healthcare Improvement Scotland](#)
- [Healthcare Inspectorate Wales](#)
- [The Regulation and Quality Improvement Authority \(Northern Ireland\)](#)
- [Disclosure and Barring Service](#)
- [Disclosure Scotland](#)
- [Medicines and Healthcare products Regulatory Agency \(MHRA\)](#)
- [Professional Standards Authority](#)
- [General Medical Council](#)
- [Nursing and Midwifery Council](#)
- [Health and Care Professions Council](#)
- [Parliamentary and Health Service Ombudsman \(England\)](#)
- [Scottish Public Services Ombudsman](#)
- [Public Services Ombudsman for Wales](#)
- [Northern Ireland Ombudsman](#)

5. Organisations

- [Public Concern at Work \(PCAW\)](#)
- [Health and Safety Executive](#)
- [Information Commissioner's Office](#)
- [National Institute for Health and Clinical Excellence \(NICE\)](#)
- [Resuscitation Council \(UK\)](#)
- [Public Health England](#)
- [Trading Standards](#)
- [Advertising Standards Authority](#)
- [Faculty of General Dental Practice](#)
- [Faculty of General Dental Practice \(UK\) Scotland](#)
- [Faculty of General Dental Practice Northern Ireland](#)
- [Royal College of Surgeons \(England\)](#)
- [NHS England](#)
- [National Clinical Assessment Service](#)
- [Practitioner Health Programme](#)

6. Guidance

- [Guide for managers of HIV-infected workers who perform exposure prone procedures](#)
- [Medical and dental students: Health clearance for Hepatitis B, Hepatitis C, HIV and Tuberculosis](#)
- [Medicines Complete](#)
- [Clear sexual boundaries between healthcare professionals and patients: responsibilities of healthcare professionals \(January 2008\)](#)
- [Quality standards for cardiopulmonary resuscitation and training](#)
- [Primary care - minimum equipment and drug lists for cardiopulmonary resuscitation](#)
- [Guidance on the CQC's approach to regulating dental services](#)
- [HTM01-05: Decontamination in primary care dental practices \(England\)](#)
- [HTM01-05: Decontamination in primary care dental practices \(Wales\)](#)
- [HTM01-05: Decontamination in primary care dental practices \(Northern Ireland\)](#)
- [Decontamination into Practice \(Scotland\)](#)
- [Standards for conscious sedation in the provision of dental care \(2015\)](#)
- [The Ionising Radiation \(Medical Exposure\) Regulations 2000 \(IR\(ME\)R\) Regulations](#)
- [Guidance on the Ionising Radiation \(Medical Exposure\) Regulations 2000 \(IR\(ME\)R\) Regulations and notes on good practice](#)
- [Guidance notes for Dental Practitioners on the Safe Use of X-Ray Equipment](#)
- [Guidance on child protection and vulnerable adults](#)
- [Records Management: NHS Code of practice](#)
- [Records management: NHS code of practice \(Scotland\)](#)
- [Child Protection and the Dental Team](#)
- [Northern Ireland Drug Tariff](#)
- [England and Wales Drug Tariff](#)

- [Scottish Dental Practitioner Formulary](#)
- [The Health and Safety \(Sharp Instruments in Healthcare\) Regulations 2013](#)

7. Legislation and Regulations

- [Dentists Act 1984 \(as amended\)](#)
- [Equalities Act 2010 \(England, Wales, Scotland, Northern Ireland\)](#)
- [Equality Act 2010 \(Specific Duties\) \(Scotland\) Regulations \(2012\)](#)
- [Health and Social Care Act 2008 \(Regulated Activities\) Regulations 2010 \(England\)](#)
- [Data Protection Act 1998](#)
- [Adults with Incapacity \(Scotland\) Act 2000](#)
- [Mental Capacity Act 2005](#)
- [Ionising Radiation Regulations 1999 \(IRR99\)](#)
- [NHS Constitution \(England\)](#)
- [Medical Devices Directive 93/42/EC](#)
- [The Cosmetic Products \(Safety\) Amendment\) Regulations 2012 \(implementing Directive 2011/84 EU\)](#)
- [The National Health Service \(General Dental Services Contracts\) Regulations 2005 \(England\)](#)
- [General Dental Services Regulations in Scotland](#)
- [General Dental Services Regulations \(NI\)](#)

8. Patient Groups

- [British Society for Disability and Oral Care](#)
- [British Dental Health Foundation](#)
- [Healthwatch England \(campaigns on behalf of those who use health and social care services\)](#)
- [Patients Association](#)
- [Scottish Dental](#)
- [Citizens Advice England](#)
- [Citizens Advice Scotland](#)
- [Citizens Advice Wales](#)
- [Citizens Advice Northern Ireland](#)