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PHYSICIANS AND
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Master

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QUESTION NUMBER	YES	NO	DON'T KNOW
1	X	X Minority view	
2	X		
3	X	X Minority view	
4	X		
5	X	X Minority view	
6	X	X Minority view	
7	X		

QUESTION 8 (please indicate below your comments about the transition to the new CPD requirements)

The Dental Faculty of the RCPS Glasgow thought that although it seems unfair to those who have satisfied the old requirements in their 5-year cycle, it is the most practical way to approach the transition. The Dental Faculty felt that the transition period would be complicated for registrants, particularly those without an electronic appraisal system, but acknowledged the need for such arrangements to allow the process to move forward reasonably quickly.

One respondent wondered if the GDC had any plans to adapt and adopt the SOAR system or a similar system.

One member expressed concern about the number of hours or being too prescriptive about what the registrant should be undertaking as part of their CPD.

QUESTION 9 (please indicate below your comments about proposed new CPD rules)

The Dental Faculty of the RCPS Glasgow broadly welcomed the new approach as this means that CPD will be "relevant to the person's field of practice" rather than the current generic approach (which is less applicable to specialists). It was agreed that the concept of an individual development plan rather than strategic CPD point gathering is a positive move forwards and that non-verifiable CPD is best omitted from the new arrangements. However, mild concern was expressed about the grace period, as it may be difficult for returning registrants, especially after maternity leave, if they return part time and have difficulties with child care.

The Dental Faculty of the RCPS Glasgow asked that the GDC bear in mind that a proportion of those working in the hospital service are required to undertake the medical "revalidation" type approach to appraisal.

One member did not agree with increase in CPD time nor the linking in "wholly" with the GDC standards as this deflects the ability for a registrant to undertake CPD covering many areas of interest. Also they felt that this would also make it challenging during specialist training or even academic research whereby a registrants may not have access to standard core standards of CPD that the GDC expects