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BDA's Annual Dento-legal study day:

Professional boundaries - have the regulators pushed them too far?

Friday 17 November 2023 | LONDON
Programme

09:30 Maintaining confidence in the profession

- What it means to be and act professionally both within and outside professional practice.
- Recent cases where professional boundaries have not been maintained.
- What does the public think about what constitutes professionalism? What is serious?
- Are political boundaries territory that the GDC should be involved in?

Simon Gomersall, Partner, Weightmans

10:15 Inappropriate behaviour and professionalism

- Inappropriate comments of a personal/sexual nature;
- The imbalance of power within a team or individual relationships
- What/how the regulator interprets.

Kathryn Pitters, Barrister, Irwin Mitchell and **Neelam Gomersall**, Barrister, 2 Hare Court

10:50 Morning break and refreshments

11:10 Confidentiality and professionalism – social media, communication and patients

- What is confidential information?
- The relationship with privacy / data protection
- When is the disclosure of confidential information justified?

Ewan Bright, Senior Associate, Clyde and Co

11:50 Practising offensive dentistry: How to maintain professionalism on the front line

Nishma Sharma, Chair, Diversity in Dentistry Action Group

12:30 Lunch

13:25 Regulation and the practitioner - have we been pushed too far (a practitioner's perspective)?

- Fulfilling the best interest promise
- Record keeping and distributive justice
- Whistleblowing and the spectre of blue on blue complaints.

David Obree, GDP and Fellow in Medical Ethics, Edinburgh Medical School

14:00 How do you teach professionalism?

- Teaching and assessment of professionalism - an education perspective
- Student fitness to practise
- The international perspective
- Short Q&A.

Amitha Ranauta, Professor in Professionalism Education and Centre Lead for Teaching and Innovation, Faculty of Medicine and Dentistry, Queen Mary University of London

14:35 PRACTICAL SECTION – What would you do if?

14:35-14.55 Breakout groups

14:55-15.15 Feedback from breakout discussion

Led by **BDA Indemnity team**

15:15 Afternoon break and refreshments

15.30 What does the GDC mean by dishonesty?

- How do you prove dishonesty?
- Dishonesty in private and public life and whether health regulators view these differently.
- How does the GDC look at it, what's the criminal standard?
- Fraud cases, team, allegations, theft and employment law
- The Williams case and whistleblowing.

Andrew Kennedy KC, Barrister, One Crown Office Row

16:05 Panel session: Ask the experts

Your chance to participate in discussion with speakers from the day including:

Len D'Cruz, Head of Indemnity, **James Goldman**, Head of Advisory Services, BDA, **Andrew Kennedy KC** and **Amitha Ranauta**

16:30 Close of event



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