



Dentists Act 1984

1984 CHAPTER 24

PART I

THE GENERAL DENTAL COUNCIL

1 Constitution and general duties of the Council.

(1) There shall continue to be a body corporate known as the General Dental Council (in this Act referred to as “the Council”).

[^{F1}(1ZA) The over-arching objective of the Council in exercising their functions under this Act is the protection of the public.

(1ZB) The pursuit by the Council of their over-arching objective involves the pursuit of the following objectives—

- (a) to protect, promote and maintain the health, safety and well-being of the public;
- (b) to promote and maintain public confidence in the professions regulated under this Act; and
- (c) to promote and maintain proper professional standards and conduct for members of those professions.]

[^{F2}(1A) When exercising their functions under this Act, the Council shall have proper regard for—

- (a) the interests of persons using or needing the services of registered dentists or registered dental care professionals in the United Kingdom; and
- (b) any differing interests of different categories of registered dentists or registered dental care professionals.]

[^{F3}(2) The Council shall, when exercising their functions under this Act, have a general concern—

- (a) to promote high standards of education at all its stages in all aspects of dentistry; ^{F4}...

^{F4}(b)

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(2A) The Council shall be constituted as provided by order of the Privy Council.

^{F5}(2B)]

(3) Part I of Schedule 1 to this Act shall have effect in relation to the Council [^{F6}and, in particular, subsection (2A) above is subject to the provisions of that Part].

Textual Amendments

- F1** S. 1(1ZA)(1ZB) inserted (26.9.2016) by [Health and Social Care \(Safety and Quality\) Act 2015 \(c. 28\)](#), s. 6(4), **Sch. para. 1(2)(a)**; S.I. 2016/906, reg. 2(b)
- F2** S. 1(1A) inserted (14.5.2009) by [The Health Care and Associated Professions \(Miscellaneous Amendments and Practitioner Psychologists\) Order 2009 \(S.I. 2009/1182\)](#), art. 1(2)(b), **Sch. 1 para. 1(a)** (with arts. 9, 10)
- F3** S. 1(2)-(2B) substituted for s. 1(2)-(2C) (coming into force in accordance with art. 1(4)-(7) of the amending S.I. (see the London Gazette, issue nos. 57734, 57975, 58050 and 58769, dated respectively 19.8.2005, 5.6.2006, 21.7.2006 and 18.7.2008)) by [The Dentists Act 1984 \(Amendment\) Order 2005 \(S.I. 2005/2011\)](#), **art. 3** (with [Sch. 7](#)) (with transitional provisions in S.I. 2006/1671)
- F4** S. 1(2)(b) and preceding word omitted (26.9.2016) by virtue of [Health and Social Care \(Safety and Quality\) Act 2015 \(c. 28\)](#), s. 6(4), **Sch. para. 1(2)(b)**; S.I. 2016/906, reg. 2(b)
- F5** S. 1(2B) omitted (1.10.2009) by virtue of [The Health Care and Associated Professions \(Miscellaneous Amendments and Practitioner Psychologists\) Order 2009 \(S.I. 2009/1182\)](#), art. 1(9), **Sch. 1 para. 1(b)** (with arts. 9, 10); S.I. 2009/1357, **art. 2(2)(a)(ii)**
- F6** Words in s. 1(3) added (coming into force in accordance with art. 1(2) of the amending S.I.) by S.I. 2001/3926, **art. 1, 3(b)**

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Changes and effects yet to be applied to the whole Act associated Parts and Chapters:

- Blanket amendment words substituted by [S.I. 2011/1043 art. 34](#)

Whole provisions yet to be inserted into this Act (including any effects on those provisions):

- s. 27(2)(h)(i) inserted by [S.I. 2009/1182 Sch. 1 para. 7](#) (This effect comes into force on the coming into force of s. 44(1) of the Safeguarding Vulnerable Groups Act 2006 (c. 47). S. 44(1) was repealed without ever being in force on 10.9.2012 by 2012 c. 9, s. 75(6), Sch. 10 Pt. 5; S.I. 2012/2234, art. 2)
- s. 27(2)(ba) inserted by [S.I. 2015/806 art. 17](#)
- s. 27A(5)(aa) inserted by [S.I. 2015/806 art. 18\(3\)](#)
- s. 27BA inserted by [S.I. 2015/806 art. 19](#)
- s. 36N(2)(h)(i) inserted by [S.I. 2009/1182 Sch. 1 para. 8](#) (This effect comes into force on the coming into force of s. 44(1) of the Safeguarding Vulnerable Groups Act 2006 (c. 47). S. 44(1) was repealed without ever being in force on 10.9.2012 by 2012 c. 9, s. 75(6), Sch. 10 Pt. 5; S.I. 2012/2234, art. 2)
- s. 36N(2)(ba) inserted by [S.I. 2015/806 art. 24](#)
- s. 36O(5)(aa) inserted by [S.I. 2015/806 art. 25\(3\)](#)
- s. 36PA inserted by [S.I. 2015/806 art. 26](#)