GDPUK round-up

Rather than any major debates dominating the GDPUK forum of late, shorter, less-involved discussions have been the order of the month.

Topics relating to the study of occlusion and the comparison of techniques and courses have been popular with members throughout January. Illustrating their posts with images, colleagues have discussed several cases and the use of various appliances.

In the practice management arena, members aired their views and shared experiences of dealing with verbally abusive patients, how to ensure the patient does not return, and supporting the practice team after such an event. An older topic concerning whether to give compassionate leave in unusual circumstances was rehashed, and this attracted further questions and concepts.

Despite the first meetings of the BDA Rep Body and the GDPC’s three-year cycle, there wasn’t much discussion of UK dental politics. Often, this is a time when political ideas and crystal-ball gazing are flowing fast and there is always condemnation of the UDA system, but there were few ideas of how to move the agenda forward, to make everyone happier about NHS dentistry.

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