CQC registration - an introduction

Vinai Patel and Amar Flora discuss Care Quality Commission registration

April 1st 2011 should be an important date in the diary of any dental practice manager or clinical director. After this day, it will be illegal to provide dental care without being registered with Care Quality Commission (CQC).

CQC has introduced a new system of registration for all providers of Health and Social Care. This one-off process gives the Health care providers will need to register for all their regulated activities for each location. Once registered, the service will be regularly monitored to ensure that it continues to meet the Essential Standards.

The application process requires dental professionals to complete various documents, including the main application, a Statement of Purpose and two main free text questions. There are also various other details about the regulated activities, location and compliance that will need to be submitted.

Dental practices with a practice manager who is in charge of the day-to-day running of the service will also need to complete the Registered Managers’ form. They will also need to complete a medical report, professional reference, enhanced CRB check and a free text question.

Deadline

The deadline for completing the forms varies depending on whether you run an NHS or a private practice. NHS practices will have a 28 day window to complete these application forms and private practices have until the 5th December 2010.

The forms will be assessed by the CQC in early 2011 when they will judge each application and make a decision about registration.

Once registered the practice should expect visits from CQC every three to 24 months. These inspections will be either planned or unannounced.

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