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April 2020

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| 5 th April | Creation of Facebook page by Jason Smithson and Luke Thorley after the 1 st CDO Webinar |
| 7 th April | Coming together of many like-minded Professionals within dentistry to have an initial Zoom meeting
Template letter published to allow members to send to their MP's. |
| 8 th April | Setting up an initial Zoom meeting with the BDA to suggest collaboration and ask why private dentistry has not been strongly represented |
| 9 th April | Initial meeting with 3 High level executive members of the BDA, agreement by the BDA to work with the new Association, and to liaise directly with the BDA high level executive.
BDA Agree at this meeting to re-convene their private dental committee.
Development of an Initial committee structure outline for the 'New Association' |
| 10 th April | Liaison with the 'Sunday Times' newspaper along with BDA. |
| 11 th April | Development of the Mission Statement |
| 14 th April | Finalisation of the Name 'British Association of Private Dentistry' as a result of poll held on Facebook. |
| 14/15 th April | Formation of committees with initial temporary positions to these committees voted on by the initial steering group. Jason Smithson elected the first Chair of the Executive Committee and Steering Committee. |
| 16 th April | Article in 'Cornwall Live' mentioning the BAPD for the first time in UK press. |
| 17 th April
Onwards | Exposure of the BAPD in the dental and national press begins. |
| 21 st April | Front Page Article in Mansfield 'Chad' newspaper about the lack of UDC's. |
| 22 nd April | BAPD Strategy Document produced |
| 24 th April | Letter to Health Secretary Matt Hancock introducing the BAPD and indicating the issues facing the private profession. |
| 27 th April | Initial Zoom Meeting with Association of Dental Groups |
| 29 th April | Initial meeting with the newly Formed BDA/BAPD Liaison group.
Agreement to collaborate with one another and share information as appropriate, but to remain strongly separate entities.
Request by BAPD to get the BDA to present a question directly to the CDO at a meeting that week. |

MAY

May 2020

1 st May	Twitter Accounts start posting.
5 th May	Webinar/Podcast by 3 BAPD members on the Dental Leaders Podcast
6 th May	Publication of the BAPD Return to Practice Position Paper.
11 th May	Letter to BDA CEO asking for the information regarding future meetings with MP's to be shared so the BAPD could have input. Request to BAPD Membership to submit questions to the Government. Official approaches to and external agency set up and formalise the structure of the BAPD legally as a not for profit company. Members of the Temporary Executive Committee agree to be directors until formal membership can be instigated.
12 th May	Discussions to instigate a Vote of No Confidence in the Office of the Chief Dental Officer (England). Letter published in the Times Initial Meeting of the DCP Committee of the BAPD to include dental nurses, Hygiene/Therapists, Dental Technicians.
13 th May	Letter to other professional groups including DCP's to suggest collaborative working Article in Dentistry Online regarding the working together of the various Dental Organisations including the BAPD, FGDP, FDS RCS, ADI, and the BDA Articles in Dentistry and Dental Nursing published indicating dental nurses have highest Covid 19 risk.
14 th May	Jason Smithson, Dom O'Hooley, and Simon Thackeray, all representing the BAPD, appear on the Chris Barrow daily briefing webinar, to date recording the highest number of views of this series of webinar with over 11,000. Article in the Guardian newspaper mentioning the BAPD Articles in Dentistry and Dental Nursing re-published (re risk to dental nurses) more positively as a result of BAPD input
15 th May	Official BAPD Website launched Vote of No Confidence on the OCDO Held – 97.5% Vote of No Confidence. Announcement of collaboration with IPO.
18 th May	Results of the Vote of No Confidence in the OCDO Sent to Health Minister, Leader of the Opposition, key MP's, the OCDO. Facebook page hits 10,000 members. Extensive coverage in Newsweek
20 th May	Dentistry Online publish response to the No Confidence vote from the CDO and that a detailed response will be forthcoming – to date not received. BAPD respond to the CDO's response clarifying the communications attempted with the OCDO – to date no response has been received.
24 th May	BAPD 'Current Regulatory Perspective' opinion piece released. Media released to Sunday Times
26 th May	Positions of the Indemnity companies regarding return to work for private dentistry Published.
28 th May	Dentistry allowed to Re-open from the 8 th June. OCDO releases letter of 19 th May on the 28 th May Dentistry online publish article same morning indicating return to work on 8 th June Dental profession receive letter allowing re-opening 8 th June. Initial Approach to Public Health England to try to influence the SOP's being produced. Articles of Association and Membership checked.
30 th May	BAPD produce 2 nd letter indicating Vote of No Confidence in the Office of the Chief Dental Officer of England. Distributed again to high level politicians. Indemnity companies clarify their position, with some having completely changed position in favour of opening.

JUNE

June 2020

1 st June	Release of the FGDP SOP's. BAPD Members on the advisory board for this document, and work done over the previous 2 weeks by the various committees to help produce the intel needed in this document.
2 nd June	Meeting with Dental Lead of PHE (Dr Sandra White) regarding the impending SOP's for England. Chance to input into the document but made clear that their opinion on Fallow and PPE did not agree with that of BAPD Science committee. Regional Groups, Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland formalised.
3 rd June	Article in the Daily Telegraph mentions the BAPD, regarding cross border 'Dental Tourism' in the UK. BAPD Mentioned in the Times
5 th June	Letter from BAPD to dental Suppliers regarding reserving PPE for English NHS Practices only. Immediate reversal of this the same day from at least one major supplier.
6 th June	PracticePlan video podcast with Executive committee member about the BAPD and its future plans
8 th June	Many Dental Practices return to Work
9 th June	Position Paper from BAPD Wales published.
10 th June	BAPD Members appear on FGDP Webinar 'Myth Busting and Covid 19' BAPD Wales have letter published in the Times.
11 th June	Article by BAPD Comms committee member on the psychological impact of returning to work.
12 th June	Official Registration of the British Association of Private Dentistry at Companies House. Jason Smithson becomes the Inaugural President of the BAPD.
16 th June	BAPD NI release open letter to the NI Minster for Health.
17 th June	OCDO letter to MP's explaining what the office had been doing during Covid 19 crisis BAPD NI mentioned on BBC News.
18 th June	Letter to PHE about fallow time published and sent to key High level PHE members. BAPD Trade Committee begin to approach the trade with sponsorship proposals.
19 th June	First official liaison meeting with the BAPD Executive and the CQC Dental Division.
20 th June	Letter to ALL MP's rebutting the information sent by the OCDO on the 17 th June.
22 nd June	BAPD infographic of Structure published.
24 th June	Articles published by BAPD Members Damien McNee and Dom O'Hooley in Dental Update.
25 th June	Survey for next approach to PHE about Masks.
26 th June	Letter to PHE regarding Masks/PPE issues.
28 th June	Work on the Official Articles and Membership continues ahead of official membership launching.

JULY

July 2020

8 th July	Liaison with 'Saving Faces' regarding Oral Cancer screening during Covid. Survey of members of BAPD page.
9 th July	Dentistry Interview with BAPD Steering committee member
10 th July	Oral Cancer Survey mentioned in 'The Dentist'
13 th July	Letter received from Jo Churchill MP regarding the BAPD letters
16 th July	Rebuttal and Clarification Letter to Jo Churchill MP in response to the above requesting an urgent meeting.
17 th July	BAPD NI letter to the Health Committee
24 th July	Meeting of the BAPD Executive with key High-level BDA officials. A very 'Robust' meeting.
25 th July	Testing of the membership portal prior to launch of new BAPD Website
26 th July	Finalisation of Trade prospectus for distribution to the wider dental trade
27 th July	Letter received from head of PHE Duncan Selbie in response to issues with Masks and Fallow.
29 th July	Soft Launch of the new BAPD Website and Membership portal.
31 st July	Formal Launch of the BAPD Website and Membership portal.

August 2020

Early August	Applications invited for the role of Equalities officer of the BAPD BAPD Trade Prospectus formalised BAPD Survey on Fallow undertaken. Formal Structure of the BAPD Students group defined BAPD University representatives in post at each university, BAPD Student Chair and Secretary voted in by their committee.
1 st August	Interview in 'The Dentist' with Executive committee member
5 th August	Further letter to PHE regarding fallow and the results of the BAPD Survey on Fallow.
7 th August	Request to join the GDC Stakeholder meetings in September. 2 members of Exec Invited.
7 th August	Response to the NHS Services Scotland Letter regarding the Short Life Working Group on ventilation (Fallow)
7 th August	Letters from PHE CEO Duncan Selbie regarding the BAPD Mask survey and concerns about Oral Cancer Screening. Nothing new to add to their stance, and no ground gained.
10 th August	' <i>BDJ in Practice</i> ' Editorial/opinion piece by D Westgarth of the BDA published. Less than veiled Criticism of BAPD and individual members of the BAPD in particular.
11 th August	Request for meeting with the OCDO submitted and accepted.
12 th August	Further letter to PHE regarding fallow and the lack of response to previous concerns re Fallow
13 th August	Rebuttal of the WHO press release regarding delaying routine dentistry. Letters to the Press regarding the misquoting of the WHO Press release (no response)
17 th August	BAPD Executive Committee Meeting Sarah Buxton of FTA-Law becomes the BAPD Equalities officer
18 th August	Communications, policy and trade committee roles filled by further suitable volunteers from BAPD Membership.
25 th August	Robust rebuttal to the ' <i>BDJ in Practice</i> ' opinion piece requesting clarification and apology. Agreement to have the response published.

September 2020

2nd September BAPD GDC Survey begins

4th September Letter from PHE (Richard Gleave) regarding the fallow survey

7th September 'A Robust Rebuttal' letter in *BDJ in Practice* regarding the previous opinion piece by the editor. Editor deems apology is not needed.

8th September Response to PHE expressing disappointment no face to face meeting is forthcoming. Also rebutting and testing the evidence base for PHE stance over fallow.

11th September GDC Stakeholder meeting with 2 members of BAPD Executive Committee.

18th September FOI response for OCDOE regarding influence over the Private sector of dentistry.

18th September BAPD petition begun on Change.org regarding the requirement of the new Chair of the GDC To be a registrant.

Various meetings with CQC and GDC as BAPD now part of the recognised 'Shareholder' groups within UK Dentistry.

Virtual Meeting with OCDO regarding Jo Churchill suggesting BAPD discuss issues with the OCDO directly. BAPD now part of the monthly OCDO shareholders meetings. Reiterated that the BAPD were NOT asking the OCDO to specifically do anything for private dentistry but to keep open a path of dialogue. No ground to be Given given either side regarding this inclusion in the meetings.

Meeting with PHE (Sandra White) regarding the possible new structure of the PHE.

- 8th October Letter to the GDC Executive regarding the petition that the new Chair of the GDC should be a Registrant
- 1st November Letter to Jo Churchill MP regarding lockdown and clarification that dentistry was included in the description 'Medical Services'
- 1st November Response from the GDC regarding the recruitment of the new Chair of the GDC
- 8th November Further letter from BAPD requesting further clarification of the recruitment of the new Chair of GDC and especially where this would be advertised and how in order to allow Registrants to apply. Informing the GDC this would be challenged if Registrants were not able to apply for the post.
- 17th November Letter to Jo Churchill MP regarding capital grants for Private practices to install ventilation.
- 22nd November Letter to Jo Churchill MP regarding the confirmation of Essential Worker Status and requesting further clarification of points pertinent to private dentistry arising from this.
- 1st December Letter to Jo Churchill MP regarding her response to the letter of 1/11/2020, and disappointment this was only a reworking of information already in the public domain. Further requesting a response to the letters of 17/11/2020 and 22/11/2020
- 18th December BAPD Press release regarding FOI of NHS Data
- 19th December BAPD Press release regarding apology of the wording of the Press Release.

January 2021

Invitations to OCDO meetings commencing Jan 2021

- 15th January Letter to NHS England East Midlands rebutting strongly an email that intimated private practices were more at risk of transmitting COVID.
- 15th January Letter to PHE regarding this same Issue
- 18th January Reply from PHE suggesting they were trying all routes to disseminate info regarding issues like the above.
- 20th January Letter to PHE offering assistance to disseminate information via BAPD
- 21st January Letter of apology from NHS England East Midlands regarding the previous email
- 21st January Letter from PHE suggesting some private practices were 'unaware' of guidance regarding COVID, and also suggesting they don't have control over the way information is disseminated. PHE suggested they were aware of 3 practices that were not aware of the IPC guidance.

February – Routine committee meetings

February – Meetings with external advisors to discuss future BAPD Strategy and election processes

- 10th February Request to PHE to be included on the distribution list for all releases and guidance pertaining to Dentistry
- 25th February Requests from PHE to comment on Delivering Better Oral Health v4
- 3rd March Reply from PHE confirming BAPD is on the distribution list, but that they distribute primarily via CQC, GDC, OCDO and therefore do not send info out to practices. PHE suggested that private practices register for an NHS Email account to get any information. PHE acknowledged the interest of BAPD especially in wellbeing and mental health, and also acknowledged the benefit of open communication with the BAPD.

- 22nd March Included on the Pre-release (embargoed) list for the GDC ARF Quarterly payment announcement

22 – 25th March Attended BDIA Virtual Showcase.

- 23rd March Webinar on 'Private Dentistry – How We did it' on the virtual BDIA Tradeshow by Steering committee members Chaired by Rahul Doshi and involving Rachel Evans, Salma Daou, Tif Qureshi, Bertie Napier, and Simon Thackeray.

- April 2021 Nominations for new President Open
- May 2021 Bertie Napier Elected President of the BAPD as the Successor to Jason Smithson. Board elections open to Membership voting took place
Elected to the Board were Rachel Evans, Manrina Rhode, Zoe Stokes, Neel Jaiswal and Dominic O'Hooley.
Rachel Evans, Manrina Rhode and Zoe Wray then elected to the Executive Board of the BAPD.
Nav Khaira elected as President elect for the following Year.

Throughout 2021 The BAPD have been active in stakeholder meetings with organisations such as Public Health England and their replacement organisations (Health Security Agency and Office for Health Improvement and Disparities).

Several meetings held with Anna Ireland at PHE/HID regarding the easing of the Covid 19 Restrictions And the Standard Operating Procedure. These continue.

Work In 2022 continued with Executive and Board Members having meetings with high level members of the General Dental Council, including the new Chair of the GDC, Lord Toby Harris. This included an accord to continue to meet on a regular basis to feed into the GDC the concerns of the members of the BAPD and how the GDC is perceived by the profession.

BAPD are now accepted as key stakeholders in UK Dentistry by all the organisations it set out to be recognised by.

Throughout 2021-22 Webinars hosted by the BAPD with sponsors PracticePlan and Quilter.
Regular Informal Instagram live events held for members of the BAPD discussing relevant topics.
A very popular series of webinars and Instagram live events are run for practitioners at the start of their career.

Feb 2022	First 'In person' BAPD Board meeting in London. Elected and appointed Board members met to discuss the future strategy of the BAPD, and how it will continue to develop and represent Private Dentistry.
March 2022	BAPD was Invited to participate in the preliminary meetings of the Covid 19 Inquiry Dental Alliance. The intention is to become representatives of the private dental sector in the Forthcoming Covid 19 Public Inquiry. This work is ongoing.
25 th -26 th March	BDIA Excel Trade show. The BAPD hosted 2 days of lectures and panel discussions in its own theatre at the BDIA Trade show.
13 th -14 th May	Dental Conference and Dentistry Show NEC The BAPD Hosted its own lecture theatre once again with Panel Discussions and Clinical Business presentations over the 2 days. Executive committee members held informal meetings with other key stakeholders over the 2 days. The Board members present were also supported by members of the BAPD Young Dentists Committee and Student Committee.
21 st May	BAPD Board Meeting in Manchester. In depth discussions on the future challenges to dentistry and the strategic position of the BAPD Moving forwards in view of the Current Challenges faced by the profession.
June 2022	Initial meeting with representatives of the 'Project Sphere' workgroup involved with safety In dental practices. Opportunity for the BAPD to contribute to this new project and feedback
July 2022	Initial feedback relayed to Project Sphere, and BAPD agree to become one of the groups Involved with this project.
August 2022	Work begins on the next board election process in September. Meetings with stakeholders such as the GDC take place, especially relating to upcoming GDC consultations BAPD Respond as an organisation to the GDC consultation on the ARF questioning in particular the need for such large rises in the ARF when the reserves are so health. GDC respond to the comments by stakeholder organisation (including the BAPD) by Minimising The increase in the ARF for the following year.
September 2022	Board Elections, Niall Hutchinson, Paul Abrahams are elected to the Board, with Tif Qureshi and Simon Thackeray re-elected to the board. Rahul Doshi steps down from the Executive Board, and Salma Daou is elected to the Executive Board. Both Tif Qureshi and Simon Thackeray are re-elected to the Executive Board Rachel Evans is elected President Elect for 2023/24
October 2022	Further Project Sphere meetings as a stakeholder, attended by Neel Jaiswal and Simon Thackeray as the BAPD representatives.

2023

January 2023

BAPD Responses on behalf of the members to the GDC Consultations on Safe Practitioner Framework of Behaviours and Outcomes for dental and professional Education
And
Consultation on the revisions on Guidance for the interim Orders committees.

Feb 2023

Face to Face Board meeting in London.