Hub launched for internationally qualified dentists

Dental Protection has set up a New-to-UK practice hub to support dentists who qualified internationally in their transition into UK practice.

The new hub aims to equip international dental graduates with some key advice, guidance and resources they will need to build a successful career in the UK. This includes access to employment contract checking, dentolegal advice, complaints support, a range of resources on Dental Protection's *The Learning Hub*, and wellbeing support.

Dr Archana Naik, Dentolegal Consultant at Dental Protection, said: 'Dentists who qualified overseas are a vital part of the dental workforce, yet for many the journey into UK practice can be bewildering. Having qualified overseas myself I recall finding a new legal, regulatory and clinical landscape challenging. I know how important it is to have access to robust dentolegal support, a range of other resources and to know you have an organisation like Dental Protection by your side.

'One key area of support available from Dental Protection is with the checking of employment contracts. International dental graduates can access free specialist contract reviews through our partnerships with law firms Buxton Coates and Weightmans.

'Our research also shows that international dental graduates experience a stressful time emotionally, professionally and financially. Our New-to-UK resource includes our confidential counselling service, a benefit for all Dental Protection members facing mental wellbeing concerns. Members can access telephone support 24 hours a day, seven days a week, as well as face-to-face counselling sessions.'

Internationally qualified dentists can access this dedicated New-to-UK resource here: https://www.dentalprotection.org/uk/hub/new-to-uk-practice.

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