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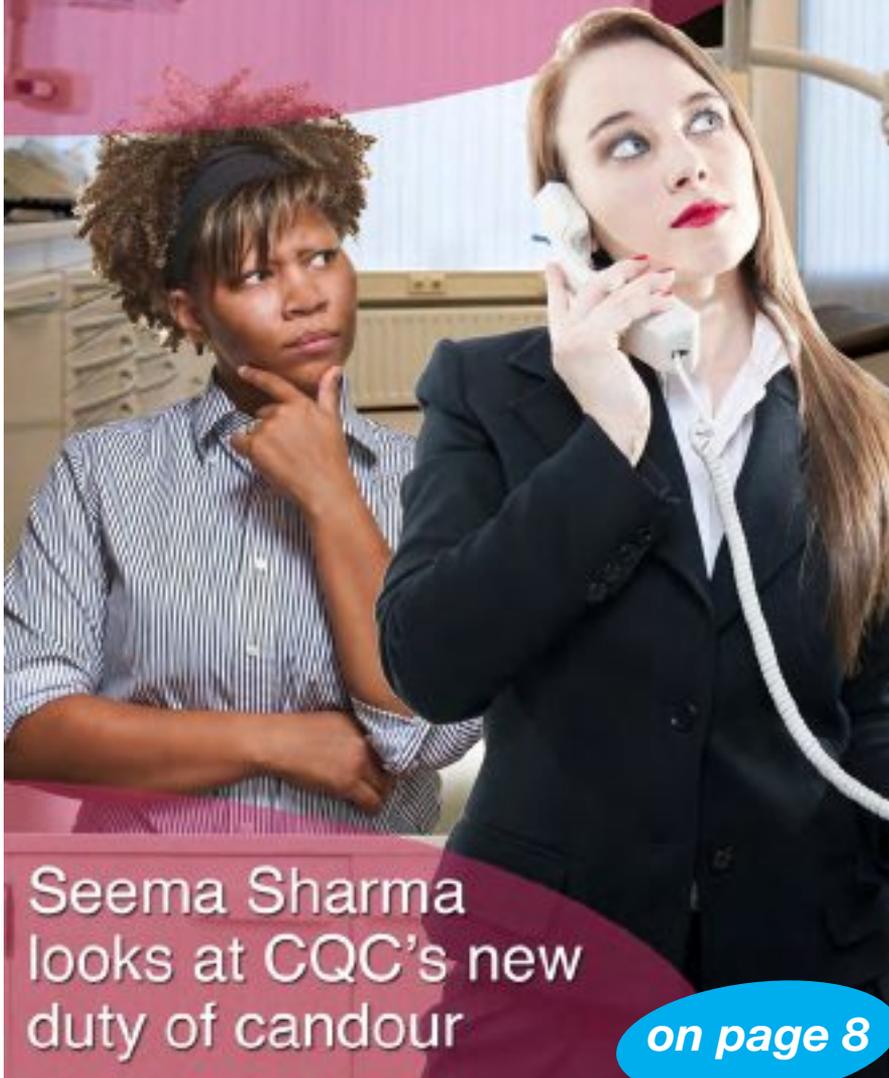
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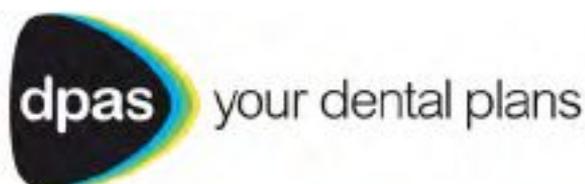
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Welcome to my regular e-update column which each month will highlight the key events and news for busy practice managers and administrators.

Dear member,

As we reach the end of the first quarter of 2015 the year really gets into full swing with the first of the major dental events of the year – The Dentistry Show – which takes place on 17th and 18th April at the NEC in Birmingham.

The NEC is such a great location with superb access by road, rail and air – your only real complaint can be if you were planning to swim there - but then I did read somewhere recently that there are more canals in Birmingham than in Venice!

This month's e-update includes a couple of articles outlining what you can expect at this year's Show which looks like being bigger and better than ever! ADAM will be there so if you're attending please do visit our Stand!

In e-update there's also a very topical article by ADAM Honorary Vice President Seema Sharma on the subject of candour, which my dictionary describes as meaning *'the quality of being open and honest; frankness.'*

Very thought provoking and a topic high on the agenda of CQC so well worth reading!

But more than anything else my message this month is a 'call to arms' because an organisation such as ADAM depends upon volunteers sticking their hands in the air and helping to run the association that represents YOU.

On pages 6 and 7 you will find details of our 2015 Annual General Meeting and of the vacancies currently on offer – so why not get involved and help to take your association forward in 2015 and beyond? I know from personal experience it can be very challenging and rewarding.

So - lots to catch up on – happy reading!

And do feel free to forward your copy of e-update on to colleagues and friends in the profession, not forgetting to encourage them to join ADAM.

Niki Boersma
President

P.S. Our survey of what you think about e-update closes at the end of this month so there's still time to take part, but only if you're quick! To do so, go to

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/ZHZK25J>



**Elaine
Simmons**

In this continuing series focused on YOU, this month we meet and ask questions of Elaine Simmons.

Name: Elaine Simmons

Job: Policy Advisor, IQA Tutor BDA Good Practice Assessor. I have just retired as a Practice Manager after 16 years)

Where do you live (and with whom):

In Halkyn, North Wales with lovely Tom my long suffering husband, Dellah, an English Setter, and Dewi, our Cocker Spaniel.

Hobbies: Brownies, Craft, Reading, socialising, dog walking,

How did you end up working in dentistry?

I didn't like my university course so took a job in dentistry as an interim and the rest is history!

When did you first get involved with ADAM?

16 years ago with the Wirral group.

What do you enjoy most about your role?

Meeting various people of all disciplines; ensuring policies and procedures are in place; the Team ethos; quality assurance - ensuring good quality courses are on offer.

What's the most challenging part of your role?

Keeping abreast with all of the changes; ensuring everything is SMART-actioned within the workplace in order to keep ahead of the game.

Would you recommend a career in dentistry?

Absolutely - I have been involved for 40 years and enjoyed it immensely - well, most of it!

And if you hadn't gone into dentistry, what would you be doing?

A Primary School Teacher or in Forensics.

Dentist tried to use McDonald's as makeshift surgery

A Romanian dentist who tried to use a McDonald's restaurant as a makeshift surgery has been struck off.

Anca Claudia Macavei suggested fitting a dental bridge in London's Cannon Street branch in February 2012, but her patient refused to be treated there.

To read in full go to
<http://tinyurl.com/pqz2cy2>

ADAM to launch Practice Manager of the Year at The Dentistry Show 2015

This year's Practice Manager of the Year, sponsored by DPAS Dental Plans will be launched by ADAM at The Dentistry Show 2015 being held at the NEC in Birmingham on 17th and 18th April 2015.

For more information and to download your application form visit
<http://www.adam-aspire.co.uk/>



The Dentistry Show – Bring the whole team!

The Dentistry Show is a free-to-attend, two-day, action-packed event tailored to the needs of the entire dental team offering a wide range of products and services, verifiable CPD lectures and opportunities for networking.

And if you haven't heard, The Dentistry Show has moved dates and will now take place on Friday 17th and Saturday 18th April 2015, which means you can attend the show after the UDA cycle has been completed – worry free.



Find out more at
<http://tinyurl.com/q5vy5wz>

Campaign to improve oral health returns with a smile

The UK's largest oral health campaign is set to take place between 18 May and 18 June 2015 and aims to make a significant impact improving oral health at grassroots level and educating on the importance of good oral hygiene.

Read more at
<http://tinyurl.com/p3mauk8>



E-update - Give Us Your Views



Tell us what you think about e-update by participating in our members' survey - it will take you less than 2 minutes to complete.

Those taking part in this survey will be entered into a prize draw with one lucky winner receiving a £25 Marks and Spencer gift voucher.

The closing date for entry to the prize draw is 31st March 2015 so you'll need to be quick!

Click here to open the survey
<http://tinyurl.com/m3pu8yt>

Decline in paediatric dental specialists contributes to crisis in children's oral health

'A declining specialist paediatric dentistry workforce is contributing to the high number of young children who are requiring multiple decayed teeth to be extracted under general anaesthetic' say the British Society of Paediatric Dentistry.

Read their comments in full at
<http://tinyurl.com/pa9lpws>

NHS England's Friends and Family Test

The Friends and Family Test will be introduced to all dental practices in England offering NHS services from 1st April 2015.

To find out more, click here
<http://tinyurl.com/op4qmb6>

Initiative launched to benefit health of seniors

A new online initiative to improve the oral health of the elderly launched on 3 March with the help of British Dental Health Foundation.

Improving Oral Health in Older Persons Initiative (IOHOPI) developed in association with the University of Kent, aims to raise awareness of the importance of good oral health later in life by providing training for carers within the counties of Kent, Surrey and Sussex.

Its website, www.iohopi.co.uk has been specially developed by the British Dental Health Foundation and features e-learning modules, links and resources that aim to substantially improve the overall wellbeing and quality of life for older people.

Read more at
<http://tinyurl.com/pfktrx2>

Survey reveals 40% of us worry about our mouths every day

According to the British Dental Health Foundation, nearly 40% of us worry about the appearance of mouths at least once a day, a figure which rises to over 50% for those aged 19-29.

Furthermore, we spend at least 24 hours a year looking at our mouths in the mirror as we clean our teeth. This doesn't even count the amount of time people spend applying lipstick, or shaving.

Read more at
<http://tinyurl.com/ol2x6zf>



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Dear Member,

Our Annual General Meeting will be held at ADEC Showroom, Ground Floor, The Atrium, Anchorage 2, Anchorage Quay, Salford Quays, Manchester M50 3XE at 12:30pm on 11th June 2015.

All members are welcome to attend when you will have the opportunity to find out more about ADAM, the organisation that represents your interests, and to raise any matter for discussion under Any Other Business (AOB).

Any matter you wish to raise under AOB must be submitted in writing 28 days prior to the meeting i.e. by 14th May 2015. You can do so by email to denise@adam-aspire.co.uk or by letter to ADAM at **2 Wheatstone Court, Davy Way, Waterwells Business Park, Quedgeley, Gloucester GL2 2AQ**

If you would like to apply for one of our current vacancies, you can find out more on the opposite page or by visiting our website. The closing date for applications is also 14th May 2015.

Prior to and following the AGM there will be a seminar on Successful Marketing Strategies by ADAM Honorary Vice President Tracy Stuart.

To book your place at the seminar visit: www.adam-aspire.co.uk or print the back page of e-update, complete the Booking Form, and send it to us at the address shown.

Yours sincerely,

Niki Boersma
President

Notice of Annual General Meeting

Thursday 11th June 2015 at 12:30hrs

**ADEC Showroom,
Ground Floor,
The Atrium,
Anchorage 2,
Anchorage Quay,
Salford Quays,
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AGENDA

Welcome

1. Apologies for absence
2. Minutes from previous AGM
 - a. For approval
 - b. Matters arising
3. To receive the President's report
4. To receive the Financial Director's report
5. To approve the following change to the Constitution:-

*Section 7.1: An Annual General Meeting (AGM) shall be held each calendar year. No AGM shall be less than 9 months and no more than **18 months** from the preceding AGM.*
6. To elect new members to the Executive team
7. Any other business

By order of the ADAM Executive team

Vacancies at ADAM - Your Association Needs You!

Each year at our Annual General Meeting elections take place for a variety of posts which are honorary and, whilst usually for a two year period, officers can be re-elected.

If you'd like to take a more active role in the running of your association and represent the views of practice managers and administrators across the country, then please read on...

Regional Mentors

We have vacancies in the following areas:

Midlands
Wales
South East
Scotland

You must live and work in the area for which you wish to be considered a Regional Mentor.

You'll need to be comfortable communicating both verbally and in writing, and be willing to present on behalf of ADAM at events, seminars, and other meetings.

Appointment to the role of Regional Mentor is for two years and will provide the successful candidates with many networking opportunities as well as being able to help set professional standards and best practice within the profession.

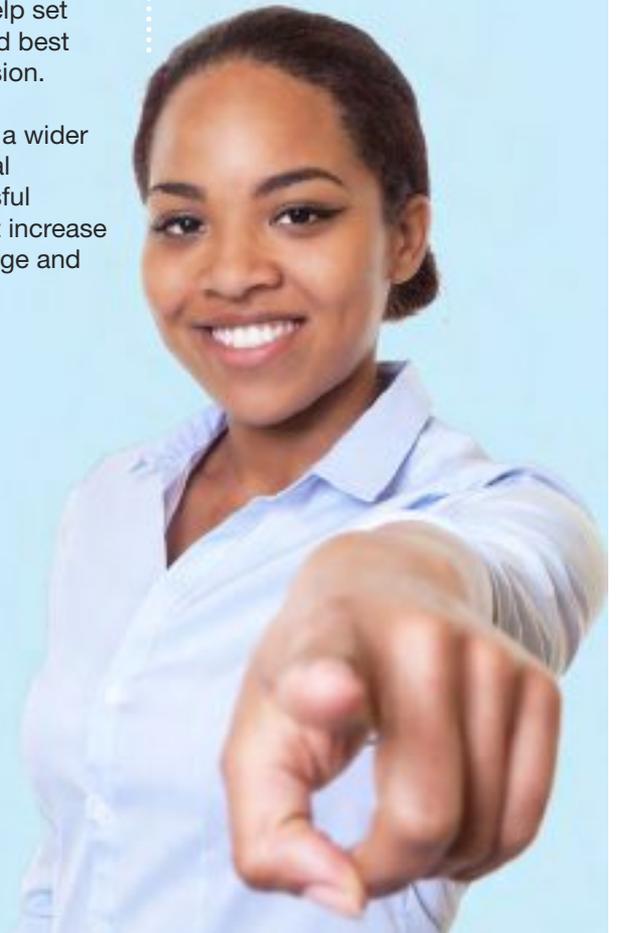
This opportunity will bring a wider exposure across the dental profession for the successful candidates and as a result increase their professional knowledge and skills.

Executive Team Membership Representative

The Executive team has vacancies for two **Executive Team Membership Representatives** elected to represent the ADAM membership. Applications are invited from any current ADAM member. As a member of the Executive team you'll contribute on a wide range of issues affecting the Association and its members.

Whilst all these roles are voluntary, expenses incurred on ADAM activity will be refunded.

For more information please ring Denise on 01452.729522 or go to www.adam-aspire.co.uk and click on the Application Form link.



Does your practice encourage openness, transparency and candour?

During the first year of my MBA, one of my core subjects was organisational behaviour – the study of what people in an organisation do, and how their behaviour affects the organisation's performance.

Every organisation has a "culture" which is defined as the set of assumptions, beliefs and practices common to the people working within it. It is built up by history and it can persist through generations, acting as a source of continuity which can either be an asset to celebrate or a liability to curse. CQC's new duty of candour encourages all of us to look in the mirror and reflect on the culture that prevails in our own organisations.

For some there will be huge leadership challenges around how to change it.

CQC's "New Start" framework repackages all former regulations and 2 new ones into 5 questions about our dental services:

- Are they safe? (Encompasses infection control, radiation, premises, equipment, medicines)
- Are they effective? (Examines clinical care and evidence based practice)
- Are they caring? (Monitors satisfaction and feedback)
- Are they responsive? (Reviews stakeholder engagement, handling of complaints/incidents)
- Are they well-led? (Assesses knowledge, skills and capabilities of individuals)

The 2 new regulations are:

- The duty of candour
- The fit and proper persons requirement for directors

Duty of Candour

The introduction of a statutory duty of candour has been precipitated by the Mid Staffordshire NHS Trust and Winterbourne View Hospital, which stemmed from the lack of an open, honest and transparent culture. This

means that when things go wrong, the requirement to apologise and put things right is not just an ethical guideline, it is required and enforceable by law.

This duty applies to notifiable incidents which include death, serious injuries, deprivation of liberty, abuse and allegations of abuse, incidents which are reportable to the police and events which could cause interruption to the service.

The key principles are:

Openness – so concerns and complaints are raised without fear and questions asked are answered.

Transparency – truthful information about performance and outcomes is shared with staff, patients, the public and regulators.

Candour – any patient harmed by the service is informed and an appropriate remedy offered, regardless of whether a complaint has been made or a question asked about it.

To meet these requirements providers must be open and transparent way with patients (or their representatives) in relation to care and treatment provided. This mean they must:

- Tell them in person as soon as reasonably practicable after becoming aware that a notifiable safety incident has occurred, and provide support to them in relation to the incident, including when giving the notification.
- Provide an account of the incident which, to the best of their knowledge, is true of all the facts known about the incident as at the date of the notification.
- Advise what further enquiries the organisation believes are appropriate. Offer an apology.
- Follow this up by giving the same information in writing, and providing updates on enquiries.
- Keep a written record of all communication.

Fit and Proper Persons Requirement

The culture of an organisation starts with the leader, and this second regulation has been established to hold directors of services accountable for failings in their service. Such failings usually come to light through safeguarding and whistleblowing channels. This means that directors/owners will need to provide evidence that they have designed proactive quality assurance systems which:

- Establish quality standards
- Monitor the service with quality controls
- Deliver consistently high quality care
- Promote a culture of openness and transparency

Never before have personal leadership development plans been so important for practice owners and managers.

Dentabyte and ADAM will be holding a series of seminars this year to help managers understand and navigate their responsibilities and accountabilities successfully.

Further information on the new regulations

<http://tinyurl.com/nbsz62e>

Further information on statutory notification

<http://tinyurl.com/n3uwjml>



Seema Sharma is CEO of Dentabyte and Honorary Vice President of ADAM.

Location	Name of event and provider	Cost and Notes	Contact details
Distance Learning	Level 4 Dental Practice Management (Northern College of Further Education) The Dental Business Academy	Distance Learning Programme - 30% discount for ADAM members	http://tinyurl.com/kopw5ko
Distance Learning	Introduction to Dental Practice Management The Dental Business Academy	Distance Learning Programme	http://tinyurl.com/mchrysb
Distance Learning programme	ILM Level 3 Certificate in Leadership and Management UMD Professional Ltd	£1780 payable over 11 months	Call 020 8255 2070 or e-mail fiona@umdprofessional.co.uk
Distance Learning Programme	ILM Level 5 Diploma in Leadership and Management UMD Professional Ltd	£2165 payable over 13 months	Call 020 8255 2070 or e-mail fiona@umdprofessional.co.uk
Practice based workshop	Performance management and appraisals in dental practices UMD Professional Ltd	This workshop course is delivered at your practice and covers managing and maximising staff performance, and how to carry out appraisals in dental practices.	Fiona on 020 8255 2070 or e-mail fiona@umdprofessional.co.uk
Birmingham	ILM Level 5 Diploma in Leadership and Management UMD Professional Ltd	£2450 payable over 13 months	Call 020 8255 2070 or e-mail fiona@umdprofessional.co.uk
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Get informed and be prepared for the challenges ahead

Niki Boersma at The Dentistry Show 2015

For practice managers, those aspiring to take on the role, or anyone just wanting to increase their understanding of how the practice operates, the Practice Management Today session at The Dentistry Show 2015 is the place for you.

Niki Boersma is the President of the Association of Dental Administrators and Managers (ADAM) and practice manager at The Smile Rooms in Malton. She will be running the session within the Dental Business Theatre with Sarah Buxton of LCF Law and Tracy Stuart of NBS Training. Niki commented:

“The team at ADAM is very much looking forward to The Dentistry Show 2015. It is a great opportunity to catch up with friends and colleagues in the profession, to update your knowledge and gain valuable CPD, and hopefully

return to the day job refreshed and re-energised for the challenges ahead.”

Commenting on the Practice Management Today panel session, Niki gives a taster of what delegates can expect:

“We will be discussing the role of the modern practice manager and the many challenges they face, including the ever-rising volume of regulation and CQC inspections, as well as the increasingly litigious society in which we live. The presentation will also cover the need to effectively market your practice in order to increase patient numbers.

“Understanding all of these issues is essential for practice managers today, so that strategies can be put into place ensuring the practice succeeds in the competitive dental sector.

“Hopefully those who attend will leave better informed and better prepared to face these many challenges - and with a realisation that they are not alone. There are many other practice managers facing the same challenges and, through ADAM, they can share their views and occasional frustrations, while also seeking guidance and direction from their peers.”

Alongside this informative lecture, The Dentistry Show will offer a range of other exciting learning opportunities available throughout

additional theatres, including the new Endolounge, presented in association with the British Endodontic Society, the BSP PerioLounge, Facial Aesthetics Theatre and CORE CPD Conference, ensuring something for every member of the dental team.

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The Dentistry Show and DTS 2015 will be held on Friday 17th and Saturday 18th April at the NEC in Birmingham.

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Niki Boersma, ADAM President



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Making a difference

Michaela McKechnie explains how her teaching skills help in her role as a Practice Consultant for DPAS Dental Plans

"Before joining DPAS Dental Plans I worked in both the pharmaceutical sector and the teaching profession. In common with dental practices these roles gave me experience of dealing with regulatory bodies, which has helped to me appreciate some of the challenges faced by practice managers, in regard to complying with specific guidelines and meeting the demands of organisations such as the CQC.

My background is therefore a great

help to me in my role at DPAS and my teaching skills are also in high demand when it comes to dealing with another challenge faced by Practice Managers and their teams. Clients often ask for my help in educating their team, beginning of course with introducing the concept of dental plans and explaining the patient benefits of each individual plan. We often find that the intervention of a third party 'expert' is exactly what the team needs to get behind the new initiative.

Our tailored team training programmes are great example of this and give me an opportunity to interact with the practice team, which I love. During these sessions we cover themes including 'gentle' selling techniques, communication skills and how to handle objections. My teaching experience has given me a great appreciation for the power of visual communication, so I use

PowerPoint and other visual aids to help the staff engage with the benefits of their plan. This teaching gives them the confidence and knowledge to communicate effectively with patients and ensure that their individual needs are met.

At DPAS we aim to make the lives of practice managers easier in any way we can and I feel that by passing on my knowledge in a way that builds confidence and gets the whole team 'on-board' makes a real difference to the practices I work with."



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- Full compliance check-list for the whole practice;
- Practice Inspection Files, accessible via Dropbox - which helps to keep files in order as CQC will want to see them;

- A follow-up Compliance Action Plan.

*Calls will differ in duration depending on levels of compliance in your practice, but will not exceed 5 hours.

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- An action plan of your practice requirements;
- Implementation of compliance systems which are easy to follow and maintain.

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About The Dental Compliance Team

The Dental Compliance Team was formed to make life easier for practices. We have developed compliance systems which are clear, consistent, hands-on and affordable.

We recognise each practice has a different need so we tailor-make compliance packages to suit you - we listen and are here to help you.

Biography: Stacey Firman

Stacey started The Dental Compliance Team when she identified a need to support small and growing practices deal with the ever-changing legal requirements within dentistry.

Stacey has almost 20 years industry experience; having started out as a dental nurse, she has since worked in prestigious dental clinics across the UK and gained experience in implants, oral surgery, and cosmetic dentistry. Having managed several dental practices Stacey has built a strong reputation in dental business development and a passion for simplifying and implementing compliance.

Stacey says: *'Having worked with dentists for 19 years I know what bugs them - and CQC bugs the life out of them!'*

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Dr Sachdev from North Finchley

I met Stacey through social media; when I needed some information and help with something I was writing to do with CQC I contacted her, simply because if anyone knew about CQC I thought Stacey would. She does!

After meeting her face-to-face I was left feeling that here is someone who knows their subject, is passionate about what she does, and the overwhelming feeling that she really wants to help dentists and dental practices cope and comply with CQC. If I were still practising and if I was struggling with CQC, perhaps because of time pressure, I would definitely engage Stacey to help me out.

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