

## **National guidance main documents overview and dates for revision**

**1990 - Poswillo report** - The Poswillo Report, published in 1990, made recommendations regarding general anaesthesia (GA), sedation and resuscitation in dentistry. It made over 50 recommendations and was the start of the reduction of general anaesthetics in general dental practice as well as a catalyst for the start of development of a number of guidelines in other areas

**2000 - A Conscious Decision – a review of the use of general anaesthesia and conscious sedation in primary dental care** - a department of health document laying down guidelines for restricting use of general anaesthetic to hospitals only (not general practice) but not specifically giving strict guidelines for use of sedation instead, this ultimately led to the decision to stop general anaesthesia in primary care completely.

**From December 31, 2001, general anaesthesia could no longer be administered in the dental surgery in this country as announced by the chief medical and dental officers following the guidance in “a conscious decision” (2000)**

### **2003 - Conscious Sedation and the Provision of Dental Care" (Department of Health)**

- This report provides recommendations for all practitioners providing conscious sedation whether in primary care or in hospitals. It underlines:

- the importance of the referring dentist and the sedationist considering alternative methods of pain and anxiety control and discussing these with the patient before deciding that conscious sedation is appropriate.
- the need for both theoretical and practical training, continuing updating and clinical audit for the whole dental team is stressed as part of the clinical governance framework for ensuring the delivery of a high quality service; and
- the necessity of having the appropriate equipment and drugs and ensuring that that the equipment is properly maintained.

### **2010 - Sedation in children and young people - Sedation for diagnostic and therapeutic procedures in children and young people**

- Commissioned by the National Institute for Health and Clinical Excellence (NICE) - large detailed document investigating the most safe and effective sedation methods in young people and children and making recommendations on all aspects.

### **2013 - Safe Sedation Practice for Healthcare Procedures: Standards and Guidance**

- Published by the Academy of Medical Royal Colleges (2013), first published in 2001 but latest update 2013; gives guidance on sedation practice for healthcare procedures as a whole i.e for medical procedures in different settings too and recommends competency based formalised training as its main training point.

### **2015 then updated 2020 - Intercollegiate advisory committee for sedation in dentistry (IACSD) - Standards for the provision of dental care**

- first released in April 2015 this document provides the accepted guidance on sedation training in England and has been adopted in Welsh commissioning document too. It is widely referred to in the SDCEP document below also and provides detailed guidelines on training syllabuses and all aspects of conscious sedation provision in primary care and applies to all healthcare professionals involved in conscious sedation in dentistry.

### **2017 Conscious sedation in dentistry - 3rd edition - published by the Scottish dental clinical effectiveness program (SDCEP 2017)**

- This guidance aims to promote good clinical practice through recommendations for the safe and effective provision of conscious sedation for dental care. For the third edition, the guidance has been subject to a thorough update using SDCEP's NICE accredited methodology taking into account specific developments since it was first published in 2006. This has included communication with the Intercollegiate Advisory Committee for Sedation in Dentistry (IACSD) regarding the **IACSD Report**, published in 2015. The dental faculties of the Royal Colleges of the UK and the Republic of Ireland have all formally **endorsed this guidance** and the Royal College of Anaesthetists has expressed its support of it.

### **Quality standards for cardiopulmonary resuscitation practice and training - produced by the resuscitation council (Resus Council)**

- Giving guidance to healthcare professionals in different settings on CPR and training requirements, regularly updated. - endorsed by the GDC and expected to be followed, this is why we have annual CPR training etc. They have different documents for different areas of healthcare.

### **GDC documents**

**Scope of practice** - GDC published document usually updated annually which outline the areas in which each dental professional can operate or is expected to operate. ie within their scope of practice - in 1998 general anaesthesia was restricted to use by specialist anaesthetists only although it wasn't until 2001 that this was further restricted to the hospital setting only for dental care.

**Standards for the dental team** - GDC published guidance document last updated 2013 - Standards for the Dental Team sets out the over-arching standards of conduct, performance and ethics that govern you as a dental professional.

### Other docs

Commissioning documents are produced regularly by the NHS for different areas drawing on all guidance available to clarify what is expected with regard to sedation. E.g

#### **Commissioning Dental Services:**

**Service standards for Conscious Sedation in a primary care setting - NHS England 2017** is the most recent one for England

**British national formulary (BNF)** - The British National Formulary is a United Kingdom pharmaceutical reference book that contains a wide spectrum of information and advice on prescribing and pharmacology, along with specific facts and details about many medicines available on the UK National Health Service. Updated annually.

