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In Safe Hands

An essential part of Dental Protection's mutual ethos is reflected in the work done with members, through education, to prevent avoidable harm to patients. This concept provides the rationale for Dental Protection's Annual Review for 2010 which is called '**In Safe Hands**'.

Over the next few weeks, 60,000 copies of the publication will be distributed to members in 70 countries and territories worldwide. Dental Protection has used its wide international experience to create a volume of stimulating articles contributed by some of the most popular dental writers in the UK. Alongside the case studies drawn from real-life episodes there are practical tools that can be adopted by dentists and dental care professionals everywhere to improve all aspects of the care and treatment that they provide.

Dental Protection is very much in the 'safety and security' business and has been for almost 120 years. '**In Safe Hands**' now joins the growing library of risk management content that is available to members in a variety of media formats. As an additional benefit, readers of 'In Safe Hands' can also obtain three hours verifiable CPD online at www.dentalprotection.org

Kevin Lewis, Director of Dental Protection said, "No health professional gets out of bed in the morning with the intention of harming a patient under their care. But sometimes the unthinkable happens, whether through an act or omission on the part of the clinical team, and despite their best efforts. If and when that situation arises, Dental Protection is there to help and support the member(s) involved, keeping them safe and providing security, so that they can continue their professional career without financial loss or undue damage from the stress associated with a legal challenge".

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Notes for Editors

1. Dental Protection Limited (DPL) is an autonomous but wholly owned subsidiary of the Medical Protection Society (MPS), the world's largest professional indemnity organisation for doctors, dentists and other healthcare professionals. Dental Protection has 55,000 dental members in 70 countries and territories around the globe and it is the only UK based protection organisation to have this international scope. In the UK, 70% of dentists are members.
2. MPS is not an insurance company. All benefits of membership are discretionary as set out in the Memorandum and Articles of Association.
3. Web address **www.dentalprotection.org**