

Income protection provider delivers resilient performance in challenging market



Giles Kidner, Chairman of Dentists' Provident said: 'Dentists' Provident has skilfully navigated a challenging year and I am very pleased with these results. Our continued strength lies in putting our members at the heart of everything we do and doing what is right, not only for our current membership, but also for future generations.'

The Society's interest and loyalty bonus rates remain unchanged and the mutuality dividend for Income Security Plan holders rising by 11%.

The annual report will be presented for approval at the Annual General Meeting held at Dentists' Provident's head office on Friday 24 May 2024, where all members are invited to have their say on important matters affecting their Society.

To find out more or read the full 2023 Annual Report visit: <https://www.dentistsprovident.co.uk/media/1865/annual-report-2023.pdf>.

The 2023 annual report from Dentists' Provident, a leading income protection provider for dental professionals, shows that the Society once again performed strongly. In 2023, Dentists' Provident distributed £7.5 million as bonuses to its members and paid £5.2 million in claims last year, with a new claims paid ratio of 99%.

Attachment-free aligner activation feature

Align Technology, a leading global medical device company that designs, manufactures, and sells the Invisalign System of clear aligners, iTero intraoral scanners, and exocad CAD/CAM software for digital orthodontics and restorative dentistry, has introduced a new SmartForce feature, attachment-free aligner activation, that helps minimise the number of attachments while maintaining predictable treatment outcomes. The new SmartForce attachment-free aligner activation feature builds on Align's foundational biomechanics for clear aligners and its database of more than 17 million Invisalign patients to optimise tooth movements. It is the latest of the company's many biomechanical innovations that enhance experiences for patients in Invisalign treatment.

Built into the Align Digital Platform the attachment-free aligner activation feature is the newest innovation as part of the Align digital workflow. The Align digital workflow includes dedicated tools and capabilities for each stage of the Invisalign treatment journey. A related update to ClinCheck treatment planning will include Live Update for 3D Controls that includes an attachment-free aligner activation selection.

SmartForce features, which include optimised attachments that are small tooth-coloured shapes attached to teeth, are designed to deliver precise forces when and where needed to achieve more predictable tooth movements. Double attachments are often needed on upper central (front) teeth to achieve desired mesiodistal root movements. Although optimised attachments are crucial for successful Invisalign treatment, with this new release, certain movements now can be achieved using a similar force system through aligner activation, reducing the need for double attachments on the centrals. If an attachment is still needed for certain scenarios, aligner activation will be present with a single optimised root control attachment as with other teeth such as canines and premolars.

Visit www.aligntech.com for more information.

Enhance your smile the natural way

lavera – the certified natural and organic, award-winning skincare brand – have launched a new line of toothpastes. All the toothpaste formulas are titanium dioxide free, certified vegan, provide sustained protection to keep teeth and gums healthy and come in sustainable packaging made from recycled and recyclable material.

Complete Care Toothpaste is a highly effective formula that reliably removes plaque, protects against gum problems and provides cavity protection. Sodium fluoride inhibits the formation of plaque thus counteracting tooth decay while organic mint leaves the mouth feeling minty fresh.

Sensitive & Repair Toothpaste helps to remineralise the tooth enamel and reduce sensitivity. Organic chamomile is well-known for its soothing properties while sodium fluoride inhibits the formation of plaque thus counteracting tooth decay. The product leaves the mouth minty fresh and provides teeth with 24-hour protection.

Sensitive Whitening Toothpaste is an enamel-friendly whitening toothpaste that contains organic coconut oil and mineral cleansing particles. Organic coconut oil contains antibacterial agents that prevent cavities while mineral cleansing particles thoroughly clean the teeth (preventing

new stains forming) and remove surface stains.

This toothpaste leaves the mouth feeling minty fresh.

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