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BOOST IN ENGLISH MEMBERSHIP AT MDDUS PROMPTS LONDON EXPANSION

An increase in the number of English members joining the defence organisation MDDUS (Medical and Dental Defence Union of Scotland) has promoted a significant expansion of its operations in London.

Latest membership figures for MDDUS reveal that for the first time in its over 100-year history, 50% of GP members are now based outside Scotland.

In response the organisation has given the green light to a plan which will see it move into larger office premises in London, with three new experienced medical advisers to be based there.

It is the first time that MDDUS has appointed advisers to work outside its Glasgow headquarters.

The move underlines the organisation's belief that there is a strong value to its members in having more locally-based advisers to call on.

The new office – close to the capital's legal centre – will also house the organisations existing London team of five lawyers and support staff, as well as providing much needed extra space to run training programmes for members.

Gordon Dickson, chief executive, says: "Our members – wherever they are based in the UK – deserve the very best advice.

"As the Scottish and English healthcare delivery systems are increasingly diverging, then it is vital to have advisers based in both countries."

In a recent survey, doctors and dentists voted a fast and prompt telephone response as the most important benefit of membership of a medical defence organisation.

Dickson adds: "MDDUS prides itself on its members being able to make immediate contact with us.

"Because the union's membership numbers and market share south of the border continue to grow year-on-year we are increasing the facilities we offer to members from our London base.

“Not only will the new, larger office house the new team of highly experienced medical advisers and our team of lawyers, it will be able to accommodate the growing number of training courses we run for our members in England and Wales.”

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Note to editors

MDDUS is a medical defence organisation providing access to professional indemnity and expert medicolegal advice for doctors, dentists and other healthcare professionals throughout the UK. For further information on MDDUS go to www.mddus.com.