

Monday 23 March 2020

Dear colleague,

Re: COVID-19

The COVID-19 pandemic presents an unprecedented challenge for all health and care workers in the UK, and we know what a worrying time this is for everyone in the oral health profession.

As dental Deans of Surgical Royal Colleges in the UK we are in regular communication with the Chief Dental Officers and public health authorities. The health and safety of our members and their patients is of paramount importance to us and we are taking every opportunity to convey your and their concerns about all aspects of dental healthcare delivery.

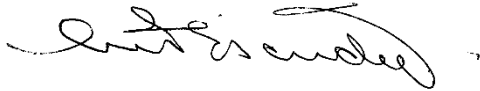
We want to assure our members that officials fully appreciate the urgency of these issues and are doing everything they can to address them as soon as possible. The latest evidence based advice and guidance for health professionals on COVID-19 is available through the links below and is being continuously updated:

- **England:** NHS England and NHS Improvement has published [guidance for dental practice](#).
- **Wales:** The Welsh Government has published [guidance for health professionals](#) including [guidance for dental teams](#).
- **Scotland:** The [Scottish Government](#) and [Chief Dental Officer for Scotland](#) have published advice for NHS dental services. [Health Protection Scotland](#) will also publish advice for dental teams (this is currently being updated).
- **Northern Ireland:** The HSC Business Services Organisation has published [key dental advice](#).

We would encourage you to continue to feed through your concerns so that we can collate these and work with government to help address these issues.

We realise what a difficult and challenging period this is for all our members and would like to thank you for your commitment and professionalism in these exceptional and rapidly evolving circumstances.

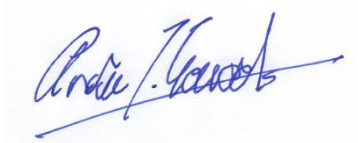
Yours sincerely,

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Professor Michael Escudier
Dean, Faculty of Dental Surgery at the Royal College of Surgeons of England

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Professor Fraser McDonald
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Mr Andrew Edwards
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