

Impact of COVID-19 on dental practices

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An investigation into the resilience of dental practices following the COVID-19 outbreak

By the invitation of the Chief Dental Officer England, an independent task group involving a wide range of dental stakeholders is currently looking at the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on dental practice finances, particularly those relying on both NHS and private income.

The task group has started to carry out a rapid review of current evidence as to the whether the pandemic will impact on the sustainability of high street dental practices across the next 18 months and examine the causes, nature and duration of any such impact. The task group will consider the impact of “doing nothing” and whether there is a unique business case to be made for additional support for dental practices relying on different sources of income for the benefit of healthcare provision and wider society.

To help inform their work, the task group is currently running a survey which is being hosted by the British Dental Association.

The task group would be grateful if you could support this important piece of work by completing the survey by **Wednesday 15 July 2020**.

You can access the survey here: <https://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/covidandyourpractice/>

The following stakeholders are involved in this piece of work:

- Association of Dental Groups
- British Association of Clinical Dental Technology
- British Association of Dental Nurses
- British Association of Dental Therapists
- British Dental Association
- British Institute of Dental & Surgical Technologists
- British Society of Dental Hygienists and Therapists
- Faculty of General Dental Practice
- Local Dental Committees Conference
- Local Dental Networks and commissioners
- National Association of Specialist Dental Accountants and Lawyers
- Office of the Chief Dental Officer England and CDO representatives from the devolved nations (as observers)
- Society of British Dental Nurses