DENTISTRY - WHERE WE ARE NOW …

**1.    Dental care referrals in the West Midlands have spiked to the highest level ever recorded as the suspension of routine dentistry continues in response to COVID-19.**

In April, 10,292 callers were redirected to Urgent Dental Care (UDC) hubs after ringing NHS 111 with oral health concerns.

This means one in 10 of all NHS 111 calls in the West Midlands region led to treatment advice involving a dental problem.

These figures are two and a half times higher than referral levels in March – and the highest number since statistics were first recorded in July 2017.

**2.  National dental organisations have joined forces** to agree guidance for UK general Dental Practices on returning to work as the Coronavirus Pandemic eases.

The COVID-19 Future Planning Task Group, convened by the [Faculty of General Dental Practice UK](https://eur06.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=http%3A%2F%2Fwww.fgdp.org.uk%2F&data=02%7C01%7C%7C90b098f655fd4c65649e08d8021e3377%7C84df9e7fe9f640afb435aaaaaaaaaaaa%7C1%7C0%7C637261676022847380&sdata=gyl%2B1M3FB2gZZVHoyu7dR5wTr%2Be1CmDffr1FhneFtnM%3D&reserved=0) and [College of General Dentistry](https://eur06.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fcgdent.uk%2F&data=02%7C01%7C%7C90b098f655fd4c65649e08d8021e3377%7C84df9e7fe9f640afb435aaaaaaaaaaaa%7C1%7C0%7C637261676022847380&sdata=jO4sZ%2BK6hRNFzNVTVtSkmoZPMUL7BboVkoQhtpfNu4w%3D&reserved=0), brings together senior members of a number of organisations, including:

* The British Dental Association
* The Faculty of Dental Surgery of the Royal College of Surgeons of England
* The Faculty of Dental Surgery of the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Glasgow
* The Association of Dental Implantology
* The newly-formed British Association of Private Dentistry

Dental care professionals are represented to ensure all members of the dental team can contribute to this vital piece of work, and the Task Group includes patient representation as well as significant professional experience and expertise in a range of areas.

These include infection prevention and control, practice management and emergency medicine during the COVID-19 pandemic, and further individuals and organisations will be added or consulted over the coming weeks.

Minimising the risk of COVID-19 transmission within and out with general dental practices because of re-opening, will bring significant implications for patient care and practice management. The group aims to support and enable a return to practice as soon as it is safe to do so, focussing on key areas to address, identifying, or developing practical solutions, and feeding into national planning.

It is highly likely that the measures necessary to safely resume general dental practice will carry substantial financial implications, which will have a profound impact on both NHS and private practices.

The increased burden on the NHS will be considerable, and it is clear that the safe treatment of the oral health needs of much of the population will only be possible with significant additional public funding.

The general dental profession has already returned to work in many countries, and the group will draw upon the research, advice and resources already published around the world - as well as those within the UK, adapting and adding to them as necessary to create guidance which is relevant and applicable to primary dental care throughout England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland as soon as possible.

The Faculty of General Dental Practice (UK) is encouraging dental professionals to complete a survey on the dental healthcare system’s response so far to the Coronavirus outbreak in England.

The [one-page online survey](https://eur06.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fsurveys.phe.org.uk%2FTakeSurvey.aspx%3FSurveyID%3D8lKLln66L&data=02%7C01%7C%7C90b098f655fd4c65649e08d8021e3377%7C84df9e7fe9f640afb435aaaaaaaaaaaa%7C1%7C0%7C637261676022857372&sdata=DTZztzLms%2FbHnE%2BXjLq1ZOQeZTf0vVCron92Tga3cYI%3D&reserved=0), run by Public Health England, contains six open questions:

* What aspects of the response went well?
* What contributed to this?
* What aspects of the response need improvement?
* How can they be improved?
* Please list up to 3 of the most significant issues which you feel need addressing as a result of what you experienced during this event

**3.     Summary of recent events**

* + Updated social distancing rules now allow most people to leave home for general healthcare (previously only 'essential' medical care was deemed a reasonable excuse).

The guidance in [England](https://eur06.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.gov.uk%2Fgovernment%2Fpublications%2Fstaying-alert-and-safe-social-distancing%2Fstaying-alert-and-safe-social-distancing&data=02%7C01%7C%7C90b098f655fd4c65649e08d8021e3377%7C84df9e7fe9f640afb435aaaaaaaaaaaa%7C1%7C0%7C637261676022857372&sdata=Tj5QkWKaZAdgHTOIwM3xbnZ3ySazfztnuQHtDS6iIFg%3D&reserved=0) and [Scotland](https://eur06.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.gov.scot%2Fpublications%2Fcoronavirus-covid-19-staying-at-home-and-away-from-others%2Fpages%2Fstaying-at-home%2F&data=02%7C01%7C%7C90b098f655fd4c65649e08d8021e3377%7C84df9e7fe9f640afb435aaaaaaaaaaaa%7C1%7C0%7C637261676022867365&sdata=tDmoW1m4HejBudY46GaO4mGo3OC7V3%2Fwnu3%2FISVLTKg%3D&reserved=0) refers to 'any medical need', in [Northern Ireland](https://eur06.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.nidirect.gov.uk%2Farticles%2Fcoronavirus-covid-19-staying-home-and-self-isolation&data=02%7C01%7C%7C90b098f655fd4c65649e08d8021e3377%7C84df9e7fe9f640afb435aaaaaaaaaaaa%7C1%7C0%7C637261676022867365&sdata=DQOzEsQVZT%2BA1xpxaY6BSoKP0p0M3%2B32%2FuDXdVSSY%2Fs%3D&reserved=0) to 'seeking medical assistance', and in [Wales](https://eur06.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fgov.wales%2Fstaying-home-and-away-others-guidance&data=02%7C01%7C%7C90b098f655fd4c65649e08d8021e3377%7C84df9e7fe9f640afb435aaaaaaaaaaaa%7C1%7C0%7C637261676022867365&sdata=hIlOBpeqxU5cPHzoJiHxOsgCeoCF6XKS%2B3s9pKMLiAU%3D&reserved=0) people may visit their 'GP or local health services, including the dentist'. The relaxation does not apply to self-isolating or [shielded](https://eur06.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=http%3A%2F%2Fwww.gov.uk%2Fgovernment%2Fpublications%2Fguidance-on-shielding-and-protecting-extremely-vulnerable-persons-from-covid-19%2Fguidance-on-shielding-and-protecting-extremely-vulnerable-persons-from-covid-19&data=02%7C01%7C%7C90b098f655fd4c65649e08d8021e3377%7C84df9e7fe9f640afb435aaaaaaaaaaaa%7C1%7C0%7C637261676022877361&sdata=zrRFXRewF4mHe9Ve%2FhQQ9AQoK%2B63S12D8atoKiuqLNE%3D&reserved=0) individuals.

The Government has added loss or change in sense of taste or smell to the [list of key Covid-19 symptoms](https://eur06.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.gov.uk%2Fgovernment%2Fpublications%2Fguidance-on-shielding-and-protecting-extremely-vulnerable-persons-from-covid-19%2Fguidance-on-shielding-and-protecting-extremely-vulnerable-persons-from-covid-19&data=02%7C01%7C%7C90b098f655fd4c65649e08d8021e3377%7C84df9e7fe9f640afb435aaaaaaaaaaaa%7C1%7C0%7C637261676022877361&sdata=pgwp%2FAcC0hugubxr2Q4s0DWN8kPsXY7ICcwP5CCwO3o%3D&reserved=0), the NHS as a whole has [started to look at a return to routine care](https://eur06.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.england.nhs.uk%2Fcoronavirus%2Fpublication%2Fsecond-phase-of-nhs-response-to-covid-19-letter-from-simon-stevens-and-amanda-pritchard%2F&data=02%7C01%7C%7C90b098f655fd4c65649e08d8021e3377%7C84df9e7fe9f640afb435aaaaaaaaaaaa%7C1%7C0%7C637261676022887354&sdata=YykGnUwhmWnBKl1iTqpPkqrt3uiH2ax0CPjyO%2BFdefQ%3D&reserved=0), and the government published its [UK Recovery Strategy](https://eur06.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.gov.uk%2Fgovernment%2Fpublications%2Four-plan-to-rebuild-the-uk-governments-covid-19-recovery-strategy&data=02%7C01%7C%7C90b098f655fd4c65649e08d8021e3377%7C84df9e7fe9f640afb435aaaaaaaaaaaa%7C1%7C0%7C637261676022887354&sdata=KG8eiPXI0r4h5pRLaZvpRcTXJfOWpIQYT2c45xrqI0A%3D&reserved=0).

* + A statement from the CDO for England confirmed no resultant change to the dental advice or [Standard Operating Procedure](https://eur06.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=http%3A%2F%2Fwww.england.nhs.uk%2Fcoronavirus%2Fwp-content%2Fuploads%2Fsites%2F52%2F2020%2F04%2FC0282-covid-19-urgent-dental-care-sop.pdf&data=02%7C01%7C%7C90b098f655fd4c65649e08d8021e3377%7C84df9e7fe9f640afb435aaaaaaaaaaaa%7C1%7C0%7C637261676022887354&sdata=IV2QadJ0a7z7vp%2FxtK1U2sUjsaNDEZc%2FdTzkYLkfx8M%3D&reserved=0).
  + The Scottish Government has published its [route map through and out of the crisis](https://eur06.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.gov.scot%2Fbinaries%2Fcontent%2Fdocuments%2Fgovscot%2Fpublications%2Fstrategy-plan%2F2020%2F05%2Fcoronavirus-covid-19-framework-decision-making-scotlands-route-map-through-out-crisis%2Fdocuments%2Fcovid-19-framework-decision-making-scotlands-route-map-through-out-crisis%2Fcovid-19-framework-decision-making-scotlands-route-map-through-out-crisis%2Fgovscot%253Adocument%2Fcovid-19-framework-decision-making-scotlands-route-map-through-out-crisis.pdf&data=02%7C01%7C%7C90b098f655fd4c65649e08d8021e3377%7C84df9e7fe9f640afb435aaaaaaaaaaaa%7C1%7C0%7C637261676022897348&sdata=QYEYOp6RGIkBQ%2FxxmfZXMzMChdarS7d6y9QIzk6YjhU%3D&reserved=0), which sets out a four phase plan to return to normal dental practice.
  + The General Dental Council has published a [statement on treating patients in private practices](https://eur06.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.gdc-uk.org%2Finformation-standards-guidance%2Fcovid-19%2Fcovid-19-guidance-from-the-gdc&data=02%7C01%7C%7C90b098f655fd4c65649e08d8021e3377%7C84df9e7fe9f640afb435aaaaaaaaaaaa%7C1%7C0%7C637261676022897348&sdata=0lPZFhHlIfgARzt58qQdtjTFXatqbvQ0lWplI5s8r6o%3D&reserved=0), and has [re-confirmed](https://eur06.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.gdc-uk.org%2Fnews-blogs%2Fnews%2Fdetail%2F2020%2F05%2F20%2Fupdate-from-the-chair-of-the-gdc-to-dental-professionals&data=02%7C01%7C%7C90b098f655fd4c65649e08d8021e3377%7C84df9e7fe9f640afb435aaaaaaaaaaaa%7C1%7C0%7C637261676022907343&sdata=GbjJdk9ONOGTTZGp5ngBA4EUQcpHAJPGU75dP4q%2BVg4%3D&reserved=0) that it will not be reducing its Annual Retention Fee during the Pandemic.
  + The CQC has [updated its advice](https://eur06.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.cqc.org.uk%2Fguidance-providers%2Fdentists%2Fcurrent-position-dental-care-services-regarding-covid-19-updates&data=02%7C01%7C%7C90b098f655fd4c65649e08d8021e3377%7C84df9e7fe9f640afb435aaaaaaaaaaaa%7C1%7C0%7C637261676022907343&sdata=m5lLc8J1U4rBWgSIFjXSpSRPXN8sJPdLljZmOH4uKq4%3D&reserved=0) to practices in England to say that *"the decision to offer dental care services is one for the provider to take".*
  + The Office for National Statistics published an [estimate](https://eur06.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.ons.gov.uk%2Femploymentandlabourmarket%2Fpeopleinwork%2Femploymentandemployeetypes%2Farticles%2Fwhichoccupationshavethehighestpotentialexposuretothecoronaviruscovid19%2F2020-05-11&data=02%7C01%7C%7C90b098f655fd4c65649e08d8021e3377%7C84df9e7fe9f640afb435aaaaaaaaaaaa%7C1%7C0%7C637261676022907343&sdata=iVqlWqNeKEBODAVJFQKcFXItujXS2GIy7sCyM4I1IQ4%3D&reserved=0) suggesting dental professionals have among the highest potential occupational exposure to Coronavirus.
  + Health Education and Improvement Wales has published a [Primary Care Dental Services COVID-19 Toolkit](https://eur06.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fheiw.nhs.wales%2Ffiles%2Fcovid-19-primary-care-dental-services-toolkit%2F&data=02%7C01%7C%7C90b098f655fd4c65649e08d8021e3377%7C84df9e7fe9f640afb435aaaaaaaaaaaa%7C1%7C0%7C637261676022917337&sdata=EGHb2Ma72Wo5T2Pat3WNOjiyEi%2B3Ypvw9I2y%2FqnhjY4%3D&reserved=0).
  + The Health and Social Care Board in Northern Ireland has published [Dental Care in General Dental Practice and Urgent Dental Care Centres during the COVID-19 Pandemic](https://eur06.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=http%3A%2F%2Fwww.hscbusiness.hscni.net%2Fpdf%2FDental%2520Care%2520in%2520General%2520Dental%2520Practice%2520and%2520UDCs%2520during%2520the%2520COVID_19%2520Pandemic%252013.5.20.pdf&data=02%7C01%7C%7C90b098f655fd4c65649e08d8021e3377%7C84df9e7fe9f640afb435aaaaaaaaaaaa%7C1%7C0%7C637261676022917337&sdata=tTbXUblwYVBq2xY7rsqS%2FB9oxbFVEZGKTHMIf0Zu2HE%3D&reserved=0), and [advice to dentists on remote prescribing and prescription collection arrangements](https://eur06.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.fgdp.org.uk%2Fsites%2Ffgdp.org.uk%2Ffiles%2Feditors%2F2020.04.29%2520CDO%2520NI%2520Prescribing%252C%2520Collection%2520and%2520Remote%2520Options.pdf&data=02%7C01%7C%7C90b098f655fd4c65649e08d8021e3377%7C84df9e7fe9f640afb435aaaaaaaaaaaa%7C1%7C0%7C637261676022927332&sdata=Q3%2FiIk6pCJ%2Fn%2B85q0P5WOkg3hbSBTXb4Fj0iFF0NT0g%3D&reserved=0).
  + FGDP(UK) and the College of General Dentistry (CGDent) have convened a [task group of national dental organisations and subject matter experts](https://eur06.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.fgdp.org.uk%2Fnews%2Fnational-dental-organisations-join-forces-agree-return-work-guidance&data=02%7C01%7C%7C90b098f655fd4c65649e08d8021e3377%7C84df9e7fe9f640afb435aaaaaaaaaaaa%7C1%7C0%7C637261676022927332&sdata=Q02XTEOPRrXispE79uaTZz%2F54QEAAMEpkH2xaZclEoY%3D&reserved=0) to agree guidance for UK general dental practices on returning to work as the coronavirus pandemic eases. In the meantime, we have added a new [Return to Practice](https://eur06.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.fgdp.org.uk%2Fnews%2Fcovid-19-updated-guidance-and-resources-lockdown-eases%23Return%2520to%2520practice&data=02%7C01%7C%7C90b098f655fd4c65649e08d8021e3377%7C84df9e7fe9f640afb435aaaaaaaaaaaa%7C1%7C0%7C637261676022937326&sdata=hKyoyydklmzBebN%2FDnXp2SHlu9T27BgSIqpimgnfR0M%3D&reserved=0) section to capture currently available resources from the UK and elsewhere.
  + The Scottish Dental Clinical Effectiveness Programme has updated its guidance on [Drugs for Management of Dental Problems During COVID-19 Pandemic](https://eur06.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=http%3A%2F%2Fwww.sdcep.org.uk%2Fwp-content%2Fuploads%2F2020%2F05%2FSDCEP-MADP-COVID-19-drug-supplement-update-110520.pdf&data=02%7C01%7C%7C90b098f655fd4c65649e08d8021e3377%7C84df9e7fe9f640afb435aaaaaaaaaaaa%7C1%7C0%7C637261676022937326&sdata=PToUmeR3LzORIFr43SIUJkDY9D5sqxZ92sMwsASD8q4%3D&reserved=0).
  + We have updated the [lists of AGPs and non-AGPs](https://eur06.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.fgdp.org.uk%2Fnews%2Fcovid-19-updated-guidance-and-resources-lockdown-eases%23Aerosol%2520Generating%2520Procedures&data=02%7C01%7C%7C90b098f655fd4c65649e08d8021e3377%7C84df9e7fe9f640afb435aaaaaaaaaaaa%7C1%7C0%7C637261676022937326&sdata=Tw0kPeHgEUtpGJBr21%2Fd9wXqXwwcnAlKL7kF7QmCNnM%3D&reserved=0) to reflect recent guidance across the four nations.
  + The CDO for England issued a [further letter](https://eur06.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.fgdp.org.uk%2Fsites%2Ffgdp.org.uk%2Ffiles%2Feditors%2F2020.05.01%2520CDO%2520England%2520letter.pdf&data=02%7C01%7C%7C90b098f655fd4c65649e08d8021e3377%7C84df9e7fe9f640afb435aaaaaaaaaaaa%7C1%7C0%7C637261676022947322&sdata=h7t2ULxSrxWgtP1k%2BwWwv7FfhFSXXUKu2wch%2F6UhfHQ%3D&reserved=0) to the profession.
  + The Faculty of General Dental Practice (FGDP(UK)), British Dental Association, Public Health England and the Faculty of Dental Surgery of the Royal College of Surgeons of England published an [open letter](https://eur06.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.fgdp.org.uk%2Fnews%2Fopen-letter-prescribing-antibiotics-during-covid-19-%25C2%25A0&data=02%7C01%7C%7C90b098f655fd4c65649e08d8021e3377%7C84df9e7fe9f640afb435aaaaaaaaaaaa%7C1%7C0%7C637261676022947322&sdata=BfAudexBRpmshaoriAOjS670cs9A%2Fiyb1lHLxzG6uag%3D&reserved=0) calling for acceptance criteria for Urgent Dental Care centres to support responsible prescribing in line with FGDP(UK) guidance.
  + The European Society of Clinical Microbiology and Infectious Diseases has published [Guidance for managing Legionella in dental practices during the COVID-19 Pandemic](https://eur06.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.escmid.org%2Ffileadmin%2Fsrc%2Fmedia%2FPDFs%2F3Research_Projects%2FESGLI%2FESGLI_GUIDANCE_FOR_MANAGING_LEGIONELLA_IN_DENTAL_WATER_SYSTEMS_DURING_THE_COVID-19_PANDEMIC_22042024_v01.01.pdf&data=02%7C01%7C%7C90b098f655fd4c65649e08d8021e3377%7C84df9e7fe9f640afb435aaaaaaaaaaaa%7C1%7C0%7C637261676022957314&sdata=McXmf2k5nhilLiFF56qaB3m4ah7gliM4NNw50bEftW8%3D&reserved=0).
  + The [definitions of routine, urgent and emergency dental care](https://eur06.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.fgdp.org.uk%2Fnews%2Fcovid-19-updated-guidance-and-resources-lockdown-eases%23Routine%2520vs%2520urgent%2520vs%2520emergency%2520care&data=02%7C01%7C%7C90b098f655fd4c65649e08d8021e3377%7C84df9e7fe9f640afb435aaaaaaaaaaaa%7C1%7C0%7C637261676022957314&sdata=COVv4Yr86nGLeMT9AH7Lo7e2Uozt1uALrSxfzrlC9oA%3D&reserved=0) have been updated to encompass protocols in Wales and Northern Ireland.
  + We have updated the section on [remote prescribing and advice](https://eur06.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.fgdp.org.uk%2Fnews%2Fcovid-19-updated-guidance-and-resources-lockdown-eases%23Remote%2520prescribing%2520and%2520advice&data=02%7C01%7C%7C90b098f655fd4c65649e08d8021e3377%7C84df9e7fe9f640afb435aaaaaaaaaaaa%7C1%7C0%7C637261676022957314&sdata=Y%2BgjCKTJ9IkBerkePPMtfU1%2B4DbujJ3hmGiVR48I%2BBk%3D&reserved=0) to highlight the fact that faxed prescriptions are not legally valid.
  + The Acting CDO for Northern Ireland has published further details of [Financial Support to GDS](https://eur06.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.fgdp.org.uk%2Fsites%2Ffgdp.org.uk%2Ffiles%2Feditors%2F2020.04.30%2520CDO%2520NI%2520GDS%2520Financial%2520Support%2520to%2520GDS.pdf&data=02%7C01%7C%7C90b098f655fd4c65649e08d8021e3377%7C84df9e7fe9f640afb435aaaaaaaaaaaa%7C1%7C0%7C637261676022967309&sdata=EHpVf%2B4Z7azN%2BcMs8im5PBGwkI1n%2FMGT3comdtLLBYI%3D&reserved=0) and an accompanying [FAQ](https://eur06.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.fgdp.org.uk%2Fsites%2Ffgdp.org.uk%2Ffiles%2Feditors%2F2020.04.30%2520CDO%2520NI%2520GDS%2520Financial%2520Support%2520FAQ.pdf&data=02%7C01%7C%7C90b098f655fd4c65649e08d8021e3377%7C84df9e7fe9f640afb435aaaaaaaaaaaa%7C1%7C0%7C637261676022967309&sdata=px05rQc6nJyabG1w6M1sWFF9naPWbHCLZJBq%2FKwaheM%3D&reserved=0), an [update on redeployment](https://eur06.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.fgdp.org.uk%2Fsites%2Ffgdp.org.uk%2Ffiles%2Feditors%2F2020.05.11%2520CDO%2520NI%2520Redeployment%2520work%2520-%2520Update%2520and%2520Next%2520Steps.pdf&data=02%7C01%7C%7C90b098f655fd4c65649e08d8021e3377%7C84df9e7fe9f640afb435aaaaaaaaaaaa%7C1%7C0%7C637261676022977304&sdata=C72RqOobD4FANvXJXtvUbZgzeV6qG70vbqgqQiM0hnQ%3D&reserved=0) and [updated Covid-19 FAQs](https://eur06.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.fgdp.org.uk%2Fsites%2Ffgdp.org.uk%2Ffiles%2Feditors%2F2020.04.27%2520CDO%2520NI%2520COVID-19%2520Dental%2520FAQs.pdf&data=02%7C01%7C%7C90b098f655fd4c65649e08d8021e3377%7C84df9e7fe9f640afb435aaaaaaaaaaaa%7C1%7C0%7C637261676022977304&sdata=wBQH3jen5h6fjxY8L40AyKPH4IGGdF5z9iTNTkZZHg0%3D&reserved=0).
  + The British Orthodontic Society has published an [Orthodontic Services Initial Recovery Protocol](https://eur06.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.bos.org.uk%2FPortals%2F0%2FPublic%2Fdocs%2FAdvice%2520Sheets%2FCOVID19%2520FACTSHEETS%2FRecovery%2520Phase%2520Advice%2FOrthodontic%2520Services%2520Initial%2520Recovery%2520Protocol.pdf&data=02%7C01%7C%7C90b098f655fd4c65649e08d8021e3377%7C84df9e7fe9f640afb435aaaaaaaaaaaa%7C1%7C0%7C637261676022977304&sdata=f1InSVRWazNR2IP1NFk%2FAA9vrmbEVXQBVEOWI4wuD7I%3D&reserved=0), a [table of AGPs and non-AGPs in orthodontics](https://eur06.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.bos.org.uk%2FPortals%2F0%2FPublic%2Fdocs%2FAdvice%2520Sheets%2FCOVID19%2520FACTSHEETS%2FRecovery%2520Phase%2520Advice%2FAGP%2FTable%2520of%2520AGP-Non%2520AGP%2520v7.pdf&data=02%7C01%7C%7C90b098f655fd4c65649e08d8021e3377%7C84df9e7fe9f640afb435aaaaaaaaaaaa%7C1%7C0%7C637261676022987299&sdata=W2msZ6obANsOn9QtKjE%2BauWNv9QX01sP3oAsDzA9vOA%3D&reserved=0), an [AGPs in orthodontics discussion](https://eur06.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.bos.org.uk%2FPortals%2F0%2FPublic%2Fdocs%2FAdvice%2520Sheets%2FCOVID19%2520FACTSHEETS%2FRecovery%2520Phase%2520Advice%2FAGP%2FAGP%2520BOS%2520guide%2520Version%2520May%25206th%25202020%252016.30aw.pdf&data=02%7C01%7C%7C90b098f655fd4c65649e08d8021e3377%7C84df9e7fe9f640afb435aaaaaaaaaaaa%7C1%7C0%7C637261676022987299&sdata=llcjEXAAw8iedFdzjV0ez6p%2Ffu8UQWlJOmS1w1bTvWo%3D&reserved=0) [document](https://eur06.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.bos.org.uk%2FPortals%2F0%2FPublic%2Fdocs%2FAdvice%2520Sheets%2FCOVID19%2520FACTSHEETS%2FRecovery%2520Phase%2520Advice%2FAGP%2FAGP%2520BOS%2520guide%2520Version%2520May%25206th%25202020%252016.30aw.pdf&data=02%7C01%7C%7C90b098f655fd4c65649e08d8021e3377%7C84df9e7fe9f640afb435aaaaaaaaaaaa%7C1%7C0%7C637261676022997293&sdata=kbQ8Y3S9Zqf1Ale6VlcoDLBfvOqLptiZCb7D2u7f3Eg%3D&reserved=0), guides to PPE and decontamination for [AGPs](https://eur06.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.bos.org.uk%2FPortals%2F0%2FPublic%2Fdocs%2FAdvice%2520Sheets%2FCOVID19%2520FACTSHEETS%2FRecovery%2520Phase%2520Advice%2FPPE%2FNew-%2520AGP%2520PPE%2520and%2520Decontamination%2520BOS%252011%25205%252020%2520.pdf&data=02%7C01%7C%7C90b098f655fd4c65649e08d8021e3377%7C84df9e7fe9f640afb435aaaaaaaaaaaa%7C1%7C0%7C637261676022997293&sdata=81j98f4lshsepXO1bKXpOlyMIcNsn2A2udyuvrbiDeg%3D&reserved=0) and [non-AGPs](https://eur06.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.bos.org.uk%2FPortals%2F0%2FPublic%2Fdocs%2FAdvice%2520Sheets%2FCOVID19%2520FACTSHEETS%2FRecovery%2520Phase%2520Advice%2FPPE%2FNew%2520non%2520AGP%2520PPE%2520and%2520Decontamination%2520BOS%252011%25205%252020.pdf&data=02%7C01%7C%7C90b098f655fd4c65649e08d8021e3377%7C84df9e7fe9f640afb435aaaaaaaaaaaa%7C1%7C0%7C637261676023007284&sdata=tWupoMhxInnB8mfkpntkzH8YUW%2Feau7W7Q%2FhFby8xXM%3D&reserved=0), and a series of documents in preparation for the immediate post-lockdown phase.
  + The Medical and Dental Defence Union of Scotland has published Covid-related [employment law advice](https://eur06.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.mddus.com%2Fcoronavirus%2Femployment-law-faq&data=02%7C01%7C%7C90b098f655fd4c65649e08d8021e3377%7C84df9e7fe9f640afb435aaaaaaaaaaaa%7C1%7C0%7C637261676023007284&sdata=xruvmMmlWTr1knyjUnbu9vzX0wQuTSDBDBeMlFJFTEw%3D&reserved=0).
  + Members of the Faculty of General Dental Practice (UK) or the Faculty of Dental Surgery of the Royal College of Surgeons of England who are based in the UK or Ireland can now access [mental health and wellbeing support](https://eur06.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=http%3A%2F%2Fwww.fgdp.org.uk%2Fnews%2Fhelpline-service-available-fgdpuk-members&data=02%7C01%7C%7C90b098f655fd4c65649e08d8021e3377%7C84df9e7fe9f640afb435aaaaaaaaaaaa%7C1%7C0%7C637261676023007284&sdata=G%2BmVpqzi7SUotEdkCda45hodRTnvoAG%2FZTnTMBdXsbA%3D&reserved=0) from a trained counsellor by calling 020 7869 6221.
  + The dental faculties of the Royal Colleges of UK and Ireland have co-hosted further Covid-19 webinars, which are available to watch [here](https://eur06.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.fgdp.org.uk%2Fdental-webinars&data=02%7C01%7C%7C90b098f655fd4c65649e08d8021e3377%7C84df9e7fe9f640afb435aaaaaaaaaaaa%7C1%7C0%7C637261676023017278&sdata=rXizcAxtV67bFFLuNuQZqLbV93%2BMYxWVWrhCcdzCJ9Q%3D&reserved=0). **The next webinar, *Health & Wellbeing*, will take place at 6pm on Tuesday 2 June (register**[here](https://eur06.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fregister.gotowebinar.com%2Fregister%2F7503056759842342927%3Fsource%3DFGDP&data=02%7C01%7C%7C90b098f655fd4c65649e08d8021e3377%7C84df9e7fe9f640afb435aaaaaaaaaaaa%7C1%7C0%7C637261676023017278&sdata=VLoHo1J315RgfudyOL631tvedNdRv9qnfkqdjNRyvG8%3D&reserved=0)**).**
  + The [NHS Practitioner Health Programme](https://eur06.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.practitionerhealth.nhs.uk%2F&data=02%7C01%7C%7C90b098f655fd4c65649e08d8021e3377%7C84df9e7fe9f640afb435aaaaaaaaaaaa%7C1%7C0%7C637261676023027273&sdata=92nz5spRwNwA8B3Gt4BRQ8ETqrKp8WzHT7Vst7HygRg%3D&reserved=0) has expanded its service during the pandemic, with 24/7 support available by texting NHSPH to 85258 or calling 0300 131 7000. We have also added a link to its extensive [range of online wellbeing resources](https://eur06.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.practitionerhealth.nhs.uk%2Fcovid-19-workforce-wellbeing&data=02%7C01%7C%7C90b098f655fd4c65649e08d8021e3377%7C84df9e7fe9f640afb435aaaaaaaaaaaa%7C1%7C0%7C637261676023027273&sdata=r8HQJUmY4wDihrRlqkGxbsEZ7zLqDNJVYJ2P8E6xTNg%3D&reserved=0).
  + The [NHS Looking After You Too](https://eur06.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fpeople.nhs.uk%2Flookingafteryoutoo%2F&data=02%7C01%7C%7C90b098f655fd4c65649e08d8021e3377%7C84df9e7fe9f640afb435aaaaaaaaaaaa%7C1%7C0%7C637261676023027273&sdata=qk1u8EMILvwGCdnjLP9jyOAT1pX0%2FtRRl6djPmqo2LA%3D&reserved=0) service is offering primary dental care professionals either employed by, or contracted to work on behalf of the NHS, free one-to-one coaching support.
  + Members of the British Association of Dental Nurses can now access a [health e-hub and confidential helpline](https://eur06.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.badn.org.uk%2FNews%2FCOVID-19%2FTake-advantage-of-our-Health-e-Hub.aspx&data=02%7C01%7C%7C90b098f655fd4c65649e08d8021e3377%7C84df9e7fe9f640afb435aaaaaaaaaaaa%7C1%7C0%7C637261676023037268&sdata=R3ljjpn8exwhGh9KD4wb2JWHNhk8HZQj6VFNJb2fj9A%3D&reserved=0).
  + The Dental Defence Union has made its [online learning resources](https://eur06.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.theddu.com%2Flearn&data=02%7C01%7C%7C90b098f655fd4c65649e08d8021e3377%7C84df9e7fe9f640afb435aaaaaaaaaaaa%7C1%7C0%7C637261676023037268&sdata=%2BJfvh1pqa5KMVgMzlPml0kohE%2FJpRyIi4ApIfWJYjJg%3D&reserved=0) available to non-members free of charge during the Pandemic.
  + Dentists Provident is offering its members the [opportunity to suspend their cover](https://eur06.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.dentistsprovident.co.uk%2Fnews-and-blog%2Fnews%2Fguidance-note-for-our-members-on-the-coronavirus-disease-covid-19%2F&data=02%7C01%7C%7C90b098f655fd4c65649e08d8021e3377%7C84df9e7fe9f640afb435aaaaaaaaaaaa%7C1%7C0%7C637261676023047263&sdata=nUVE61CfrG5%2F8OuOi0MokZV5anPKsqqTEWrHxJiMONw%3D&reserved=0) during the Pandemic.
  + Public Health England has published [A Safe Water Supply for your Team and your Patients](https://eur06.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.fgdp.org.uk%2Fsites%2Ffgdp.org.uk%2Ffiles%2Feditors%2F2020.05.23%2520Public%2520Health%2520England%2520-%2520A%2520safe%2520water%2520supply%2520for%2520your%2520team%2520and%2520patients.pdf&data=02%7C01%7C%7C90b098f655fd4c65649e08d8021e3377%7C84df9e7fe9f640afb435aaaaaaaaaaaa%7C1%7C0%7C637261676023047263&sdata=aARBdD4KwlxHCBOkZQ46xfiIUFsm1lPBQXoO%2BKt11Yk%3D&reserved=0) to help dental practices reduce the potential risk of Legionella in stagnant water systems.
  + Henry Schein has produced a [‘bounce back’ checklist](https://eur06.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fissuu.com%2Fhenryscheinuk%2Fdocs%2Fhsd162-04-20_%2520planning_your_business_bounceback_%2520fn%3Ffr%3DsMzViZjExMDc5Mjc&data=02%7C01%7C%7C90b098f655fd4c65649e08d8021e3377%7C84df9e7fe9f640afb435aaaaaaaaaaaa%7C1%7C0%7C637261676023047263&sdata=gPA1oGlNy9G2ljbG8zMpQE7pggbZImlgQAH2kpfZVLM%3D&reserved=0) for Dental Practices.
  + Denplan is [investing £2 million to provide PPE](https://eur06.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.denplan.co.uk%2Fcontent%2Fdam%2Fdenplan%2Fdocuments%2Fpress-releases%2FDenplan-invests-in-PPE_Digital-Press-Release_22-05-20.pdf&data=02%7C01%7C%7C90b098f655fd4c65649e08d8021e3377%7C84df9e7fe9f640afb435aaaaaaaaaaaa%7C1%7C0%7C637261676023057256&sdata=WWtEsH9bg8kDTsQ2mocffbTPdid0AxeaSBlgdUG5tLk%3D&reserved=0) to Denplan members dentists.
  + The Welsh Government has published [Unlocking our society and economy](https://eur06.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fgov.wales%2Fsites%2Fdefault%2Ffiles%2Fpublications%2F2020-05%2Funlocking-our-society-and-economy-continuing-the-conversation.pdf&data=02%7C01%7C%7C90b098f655fd4c65649e08d8021e3377%7C84df9e7fe9f640afb435aaaaaaaaaaaa%7C1%7C0%7C637261676023057256&sdata=LUGRG9diARI3efmUMNuwzX55im7Oh4rKxdh9dwv7vTM%3D&reserved=0), which sets out a staged increased to the easing of restrictions and access to public services including elective dentistry. The All Wales Clinical Dental Leads COVID-19 Group has published the [Wales De-escalation Pandemic Plan for Dentistry](https://eur06.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fawfdcp.ac.uk%2Fcontent%2Ffiles%2FDe-escalation-Pandemic-Plan-for-Dentistry.pdf&data=02%7C01%7C%7C90b098f655fd4c65649e08d8021e3377%7C84df9e7fe9f640afb435aaaaaaaaaaaa%7C1%7C0%7C637261676023067251&sdata=8%2BOSuJTlfHAwKdig%2BDCdM1Qn0N2WPZ6JRR5%2ByxosWn0%3D&reserved=0) and [COVID-19 De-escalation Standard Operating Processes for Primary Dental Care Settings in Wales](https://eur06.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fawfdcp.ac.uk%2Fcontent%2Ffiles%2FDe-escalation-SOP.pdf&data=02%7C01%7C%7C90b098f655fd4c65649e08d8021e3377%7C84df9e7fe9f640afb435aaaaaaaaaaaa%7C1%7C0%7C637261676023067251&sdata=zL6w9HhRXvLHfKLyoSAlur9jIYwNvvYgp1w802F%2Bi%2FU%3D&reserved=0).

**4.     Vote of no confidence in CDO** – letter [attached]

**5.     CDO response to letter of no confidence**

Speaking to *Dentistry Online*, CDO for England, Sara Hurley, reacted to the letter – adding that a more considered response will be put together in due course.

She said: ‘This requires measured response and rebuttal to the assertions contained within the letter. This will be promulgated as soon as possible.’

The letter reads:

‘In the interim it is worth noting, that since its inception in late April 2020, the BAPD has not spoken with the Office of Chief Dental Officer for England, to discuss either current issues or the fears of private dentistry.

‘This is in marked contrast to the British Dental Association, the Association of Dental Groups, regional dental representatives and the UK national CDOs with whom we have almost daily contact and constructive dialogue.’

It continues:

‘The safety of patients, as well as that of dental teams, has been at the forefront of our response to the current COVID-19 pandemic.

‘From the start of the pandemic and throughout, the OCDO has continued to advise and promulgate guidance for the necessary risk management and the safeguarding of patients and staff to meet the challenges of the continually changing healthcare environment.

‘In partnership with committed dental practitioners and their teams, the OCDO has also overseen the establishment of an urgent dental care system with over 500 urgent dental care centres, designed to see any patient in need.

‘The profession’s acknowledged appreciation of the risks and need for compliance with the public health measures will undoubtedly set the conditions for further easing of lockdown.

‘In the continuing development of the way forward, the OCDO is working in partnership with the recognised and established professional representative bodies in order to safely and effectively meet the needs of our patients and dental teams over the coming months.

‘As noted in my opening, the BAPD correspondence requires a considered response.’