Lee Savarrio - Chief of Dentistry Update (29-7-2020)

I hope you feel that you are managing to get back to some degree of normality within practice, although I appreciate it is very frustrating at this stage that you cannot undertake the usual range of treatment options for your patients.

As you know we issued a Webropol survey on the Remobilisation of Dental Services – Phase 3 to all practices. The purpose of this was to gather some additional information around opening second surgeries, routine treatments and number of patients being seen. Amongst other things this information will determine the additional PPE we need to request from NSS. To date around 50% of practices have responded to the survey. **Can I urge you to complete and submit the survey as a matter of urgency.**

- **Looking ahead to when you will once again be in a position to undertake AGPS within practice we are looking to expand our offer of Face Fit Testing for any registered member of your dental team.**

  **We have issued a link to all practices to allow you to register for a place on a face fit testing session, these places will be allocated on a first come first served basis and can be for either a dentist, dental nurse or hygienist/therapist within the practice.**

  The sessions will take place Monday 3rd – Friday 7th August at GDH, so please make sure you register as soon as possible.

- **Attached, for your information is new Occupational Risk Assessment Guidance which has recently been published and has been put in place nationally to support those returning to work. I thought this may be of assistance to you within practice, where you have staff returning to work following a long period of absence.**

- **There are lots of very useful websites and information available for staff in relation to Health and wellbeing during this time. Some weeks ago we advised that Scottish Government had launched a newly opened “National Wellbeing Hub” for the health and social care workforce, which would act as a ‘front door’ to the wide range of support and wellbeing resources available in Scotland. It is a resource for the whole workforce, including unpaid carers, volunteers deployed within health and social care services, and their families. It can be accessed at [https://www.promis.scot/](https://www.promis.scot/). I thought it may be beneficial to reissue these details to you.**

- **On ??? the CDO issued a letter to all (has too much time passed since it was issued to mention it?**
Stay Safe and Look After One Another

Kind regards,
Lee Savarrio, Chief of Dentistry