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Dear Colleague,

Scottish Government policy on ventilation in dental premises

The Scottish Government remains committed to ensuring that NHS dental services are well placed to deliver remobilised services as safely as possible for patients and dental teams. With this in mind we previously wrote out to you in March to encourage your participation in a Scottish Government survey on the use of ventilation equipment in dental practices to help inform government policy. I would like to thank the large numbers of you who responded to the survey.

I can now confirm that funding of up to £5 million will be available from the Scottish Government for the dental sector to help dental practices purchase, renew or upgrade ventilation equipment that meets the requirement of 10 air changes per hour. The scheme will run for the duration of this financial year and funds, held by NHS Boards, will be disbursed to those practices meeting the conditions of the scheme. Practices will be able to make a claim for the period 1 April 2020 to 31 March 2022.

Further details of the scheme and how to apply will be provided to you by way of dental circular to be issued to the sector separately.

Yours sincerely,

Tom Ferris
Chief Dental Officer

