



Dear Colleague

## COVID-19 – NHS FINANCIAL SUPPORT MEASURES AND SOURCES OF OTHER FINANCIAL SUPPORT

### Summary

1. This letter advises NHS Boards and Practitioner Services of specific advice to independent contractors in receipt of NHS financial support measures during COVID-19 who may wish to apply for other sources of funding support.

### Financial Support Measures

2. NHS Boards and Practitioner Services are asked to note the advice in the Memorandum to this letter.

### Action

3. NHS Boards are asked issue **only** the Memorandum to this letter to all dentists and Dental Bodies Corporate on their dental lists.

Yours sincerely,

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Chief Dental Officer

9 April 2020

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#### Addresses

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**DENTISTS/DENTAL BODIES CORPORATE  
NATIONAL HEALTH SERVICE  
GENERAL DENTAL SERVICES**

**COVID-19 – NHS FINANCIAL SUPPORT MEASURES AND SOURCES OF OTHER  
FINANCIAL SUPPORT – FURTHER ADVICE**

1. This Memorandum provides independent contractors (dentists and dental bodies corporate) with specific guidance for those practices in receipt of NHS financial support measures who may wish to apply for other financial support.

**Other Financial Support**

2. We are aware that a number of contractors have enquired about whether it is possible to receive the NHS funding support measures in Scotland, and apply for other sources of financial support, referenced in the Memorandum to NHS: PCA(D)(2020)7 at paragraph 15.

3. NHS funding support would not be a bar for practices with mixed provision to claim financial support for private dentistry, providing the claim is proportionate to the amount of private dentistry being provided. Private dental care, similar to any other private business may qualify for the Employee Retention Scheme and the Business Interruption Loan Scheme (recently revised). Dental practices need to explore each of these funding streams, taking cognisance of their precise circumstances.

4. The Scottish Government is liaising with the UK Government on the mechanism for ensuring that funding is not duplicated. We will provide further advice in due course.

**Enquiries**

5. Any enquiries arising from this Memorandum should be taken up with your NHS Board.

Scottish Government Population Health Directorate  
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