

## COVID-19

### Lee Savarrio - Chief of Dentistry Update (8-4-2020)

- I appreciate there has been anxiety in the system about the appropriate use of PPE. In order to provide some degree of reassurance at this time, I have under separate cover, circulated a letter to all clinical teams.
- As I highlighted yesterday NHS 24 will **NOT** be covering Good Friday and Easter Monday public holidays. I can only apologise for the short notice about this change on behalf of our NHS 24 colleagues. The PDS Special Care Hub will be operational on both these days and I would like to thank the PDS staff who have agreed to staff these sessions. However we will be reliant on our GDS colleagues to continue to triage their patients as they have been doing and follow the usual referral procedure into the PDS Special Care Hub; care will be delivered as normal by the GGCEDS service. On Saturday 11th April and Sunday 12th April, this will be covered as a normal weekend by NHS 24.
- With regard to the availability of pharmacies during the public holidays, Friday is a normal working day and all pharmacies will be open, so the normal process for prescriptions should be followed. For Monday 13 April, we are waiting on details of which specific pharmacies are open and this will be circulated as soon as we have it.
- SDCEP has created a supplement to the *Management of Acute Dental Problems during COVID-19 Pandemic* guide which was published last week. ***Drugs for Management of Dental Problems During COVID-19 Pandemic*** is based on SDCEP's *Drug Prescribing for Dentistry* guidance. It lists the drug regimens that dentists are most likely to remotely advise or prescribe for their patients during the COVID-19 pandemic to support Advice & Self Help. Both documents are available now on the [SDCEP website](#). You should be aware that the guide and supplement are subject to change as new information becomes available. Therefore, please ensure that you are viewing the most recent versions by referring to [www.sdcep.org.uk](http://www.sdcep.org.uk).

**Stay Safe,**  
**Lee Savarrio, Chief of Dentistry**