

## COVID-19

### Lee Savarrio - Chief of Dentistry Update (16-4-2020)

You may well be relieved to see my update today is not as lengthy as some previously issued. I am hoping in a way, that this is a good sign, that all the hard work and preparation over the last few weeks is paying dividends. We now have in place clear processes for the emergency care of our patients as per SDCEP guidance. This has only been possible by everyone working together to achieve this single end point. I hope now we are as prepared as we can be to deal with the ongoing impact of COVID 19 going forward.

- We are still in the process of making contact with practices to arrange to pick up any supplies/PPE you have offered. We are particularly looking for implant PPE kits including surgical gowns. If you have any, which you can donate, could you please contact [GDSadmin@ggc.scot.nhs.uk](mailto:GDSadmin@ggc.scot.nhs.uk) with the subject as PPE and include the amount you have available, the practice address and a mobile number. Once again my thanks for your help and support.
- The weekly Clinical Waste uplift service for Dental Practices had continued as normal until practices ceased undertaking treatment. It is therefore not anticipated that there should be any clinical waste in practices awaiting uplift. If however there is any residual clinical waste within practices to be uplifted please send an e-mail to [GDSadmin@ggc.scot.nhs.uk](mailto:GDSadmin@ggc.scot.nhs.uk) detailing the address of the practice, item/s to be uplifted and a mobile contact number for the waste contractor to contact to arrange a suitable uplift time.
- With the increased availability of FFP3 masks, we are increasing the numbers of staff who have been face fit tested throughout our teams.
- We are in the process of finalising a clinical triage form which will be issued to GDS colleagues, allowing them to capture vital information from their patients at an early stage thus reducing the number of contacts with the patient and streamlining the referral process into the PDS Special Care Hub.

*Best wishes,*

*Lee Savarrio,*

*Chief of Dentistry*