

COVID-19

Lee Savarrio - Chief of Dentistry Update (5-5-2020)

GGCEDS and the PDS Special Care Hub was very busy over the weekend and public holiday. However due to the planning and additional staff in place there were no significant issues. GGCEDS triaged 245 patients with 70 attending mainly for extractions. My thanks again to all GDS staff who continued to triage their patients and to the GGCEDS and PDS teams who worked over the weekend and the public holiday.

We will obviously review the levels of activity and consider what adjustments are required for the public holiday at the end of the month.

I know that some organisations changed the public holiday yesterday to reflect the commemoration of V.E. day on Friday 8 May 2020, NHS GG&C did not, therefore our services will be operating as normal on Friday.

Here are some of our hard working GGCEDS Teams who covered the weekend.



A couple of other highlights for today:

- Can you please make sure the completed referral forms sent into the PDS Special Care Hub are legible. The inability to decipher some of the forms is resulting in a delay in patients being treated.
- Following feedback, we are currently reviewing the induction process and documentation for the next cohort of GDPs who will be attending PDS sites for induction. I want to thank you for your continued commitment.
- We continue to look for PPE, in particular Type IIR masks and implant PPE kits including surgical gowns. We are hoping to try and distribute these throughout the wider NHS family, including acute sites and Care Homes. If you have any, which you can donate, could you please contact 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.

Stay Safe and Look After One Another

- Health and social care staff including dentists, who have symptoms (fever of ≥ 37.8 C or new persistent cough) can now arrange testing directly, for either themselves, or household members with symptoms, using a new self-referral e-form. The introduction of **self-referral** will help staff to quickly and easily access NHSGGC staff testing centres within the first 5 days of symptoms. Information on how to access the e-form is available on the NHS Greater Glasgow & Clyde website.
- Our thanks to Christine Goodall for her help in creating the "Wobble Room" at GDH as a way to support staff at this difficult time. It is on Level 3 Clinic room 7 for any staff wishing to use it and is a safe, quiet place to take time out when needed.



Stay Safe, Lee Savarrio, Chief of Dentistry