

Core brief

Message from Jane Grant, Chief Executive
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While Monday was a normal working day for many of us, it was a bank holiday here in Scotland. This was the fourth public holiday spent in lockdown. It was also the fourth occasion that all GP surgeries and many community pharmacies in the Greater Glasgow and Clyde area agreed to stay open.

My continued thanks go to everyone working in primary care for all you are doing to support our efforts to manage COVID-19.

I know that this has had a significant impact on your services and I am grateful for your ongoing efforts in looking after your patients and your staff.

Amongst the primary care teams significantly affected by COVID-19 are our dental services. When all routine dentistry ceased on 23 March due to the risks posed in light of COVID-19, over 600 General Dental Services staff - dentists, dental nurses, dental hygienists and therapists and dental practice managers – responded to help in our Dental Care Hubs, NHS 24 and Community Assessment Centres, as well as supporting their own patients and the out of hours service.

Dental laboratories were also mobilised to design and manufacture fit-for-purpose dental visors for use by dental teams in undertaking aerosol generating procedures.

I want to thank all our dental staff for their tremendous teamwork and readiness and willingness to adapt in the face of COVID-19. It is anticipated that we will see some lifting of restrictions on dental care shortly and I know our dental services will be ready to respond.

Thank you.



Staff at Springburn Cold Hub

