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DIRECTION

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**2020 No. 12**

**Direction Varying Approved Remuneration and Conditions of Service for Community Dentists**

The Department of Health in exercise of the powers conferred under Article 51 of the Health and Personal Social Services (Northern Ireland) Order 1972 and sections 3, 4 and 6 of the Health and Social Care (Reform) Act (Northern Ireland) 2009, and with the approval of the Department of Finance, hereby gives the Regional Board (the Board), the Regional Agency (the PHA) and the Regional Business Services Organisation (RBSO) "the Regional Bodies" the following Direction:

1. The remuneration and conditions of service agreed for Community Dentists, and approved by the Minister, may be varied in relation to staff indicated in, and in accordance with, paragraph 2 of this Direction.

2. This Direction permits the Regional Bodies to vary the terms and conditions of the contract for Community Dentists to permit payment for any hours worked during out of hours periods to be paid to those staff at the rate of time plus one third, during the period of additional pressures created by Coronavirus (COVID-19), for work in connection with those pressures. Where appropriate, and by local agreement, an equivalent amount of Time Off in Lieu may be granted in place of payment. Where Time Off in Lieu has been agreed, and taken, prior to the date of signing of this Direction, such time may not be considered as eligible for payment.

3. For the purposes of this Direction, out of hours periods shall be taken to mean any hours of work outside of contracted working hours, and include evenings, weekends and Bank Holidays.

4. This Direction is effective from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2020 until 31<sup>st</sup> March 2021.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Department of Health on 18<sup>th</sup> November 2020.



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