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**COVID-19: FINANCIAL SUPPORT TO GENERAL DENTAL SERVICES**

Further to the letter from Paul Montgomery dated 19 August 2020, I am writing to advise General Dental Practitioners (GDPs) that the Financial Support Scheme currently in place will continue for a further month, so will continue for the August-September and September-October payment cycles. The funding previously approved for Level 2 PPE costs means that the abatement factor will not apply, subject to the established condition that each GDP is providing AGP treatments.

In addition, it will be a condition that IoS claims relating to completed treatments will be submitted in a timely manner. GDPs must submit all claims in respect of activity completed before the end of the September-October payment cycle by 8 October 2020. Failure to do so may result in a corresponding reduction in future payments.

The Department of Health continues to engage with the British Dental Association on the best approach to allocate the available funding for the remainder of 2020/21.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely



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