COVID-19

Lee Savarrio - Chief of Dentistry Update (23-4-2020)

My updates for the last few weeks have been factual, hopefully informative but fairly gloomy ... by my own admission. I thought today, in addition to the normal information sharing I would, on a slightly lighter note, highlight some pictures and positive messages that are coming out of this situation we all find ourselves in.

I have said all along, what we have achieved over the last few weeks has been incredible. The ‘can do’ attitude and co-operation between what are normally fairly disparate services is something to be very proud of. I think that moving forward this will colour our way of thinking and working in the future.

- It would appear that there may still be some confusion about the orthodontic emergency pathway. Just a reminder that patients with orthodontic emergency should contact their own orthodontist first for advice and then for the orthodontist to contact the PDS Special Care Hub if an appointment is required.

- 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.

- To help to ensure you have clear record of what treatment has been undertaken for your patients we will issue discharge letters for all patients who have been seen and treated at the PDS Hubs. We are currently working through the backlog but you should start to receive these letters to your individual nhs.net emails over the coming days.

- Some of you have started to use the new GDS triage form and hopefully this is working well for you. Can I just remind you that all sections in the form must be completed wherever possible; in particular we have received a few with no patient’s name.

Stay Safe and Look After One Another
4 of our team from the Prosthodontic Lab at GDH, with the protective visors they are making
L to R: Melissa Wilson, Ruth Pearson, Lee Renfrew and Kerry Connolly

Vale Health and Care Centre staff with GDP
Rhoda Kirkland

Members of the Health Improvement Team at the QEUH helping with hand sanitising and advising on social distancing

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