Lee Savarrio - Chief of Dentistry Update (1-5-2020)

Here we are at the end of another week. Hopefully we may be beginning to see some light at the end of the tunnel but I guess only time will tell.

My thanks to all of you for your ongoing levels of commitment and hard work. I appreciate this will not be the end of the week for many of you who will continue to provide emergency care for our patients through the weekend and during the Public Holiday on Monday.

Only a couple of other highlights for today:

- Over the next week, we will be making contact with more GDS colleagues to arrange for them to attend the PDS sites for induction, to allow them to support the vetting and treatment of patients within the PDS Hubs. I want to thank you for your continued commitment.

- We anticipate having “Attend Anywhere” video calling for patients fully operational in our PDS Hubs from Wednesday 6 May 2020. This will be a very useful tool to allow us to see patients remotely.

- 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.

There is no stopping our Health Improvement Teams, here is Lynn Donnelly and Chris Lithgow (Dental Health Support Workers) who have been putting together and distributing oral health resources to the Educational Hubs.
It has been suggested that we circulate the graphic below which attempts to explain our emotions and reactions during COVID-19. We hope most of us, and many of those we work with, may have moved from the fear zone through learning and even on to growth.

I hope you find it useful as a way of thinking about how we feel and cope during this time.

Sometimes it’s the little things that make all the difference and bring a smile to our face.

A grateful patient dropped off a chocolate brownie and a card for Nathan Harrison and all the staff at Easterhouse to thank them for their help yesterday.

*Have a Good Weekend*

*Lee Savarrio, Chief of Dentistry*

*Stay Safe and Look After One Another*