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Covid-19 response

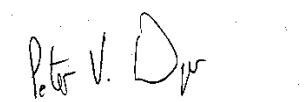
We are writing to you on behalf of Academic, Community and Hospital dentists. These dentists are highly trained, have high levels of expertise in cross-infection control and already hold a significant array of transferable skills and are typically well-versed in hospital-based MDT working.

We are aware that it is quite likely that efforts to deal with Covid 19 will ultimately include wider NHS staff than doctors and nurses and as such we would welcome the opportunity to discuss what roles the above cadres of dentists could reasonably undertake in these efforts, given, that, in the vast majority of cases, they are either substantive NHS staff members already, or in the case of dental academics, hold honorary NHS contracts.

The necessary current social distancing measures are resulting in dental patients being asked to withdraw themselves from scheduled routine dental treatments. Universities have needed to halt face to face teaching of all students and Dental Schools are now no longer running their student clinics. As such we believe that the dentists we represent

could be providing valuable service to the wider NHS in this challenging time and would welcome discussing any proposals that you might have in this regard.

Yours sincerely



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