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Redeployment of Clinical Academic and Hospital dentists

Dear both, we are writing to you on behalf of clinical academic and hospital-based dentists in the UK.

We are aware that redeployment of NHS staff is being considered and in some cases is already under way. Outside of England this appears to be a very local arrangement for dentists and in England we have seen an initial copy of an NHS England ‘volunteering’ document aimed at dentists.

However, given the existing structures already in place in HEI’s and hospitals it is our advice to members that, should they wish, rather than volunteer to any ‘corporate’ NHS scheme they should firstly discuss with their Undergraduate Dean (Academics) or Trust/hospital Medical Director (Hospital dentists) any redeployment possibilities. If there is no demand at that point for them then they should then consider other avenues.

We would be extremely grateful if you could circulate this position through both the LNC and DSC network. Please do contact us if there is anything we can help with.

Yours sincerely,

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