Post-COVID 19 GDS Recovery Group Terms of Reference

Aims and Objectives

1. To assess the current ability of General Dental Services (GDS) practices to facilitate the social distancing of staff and patients

2. To assess the possible modifications to GDS practices and/or practice processes to facilitate social distancing

3. To assess the impact of enhanced cross-infection and decontamination procedures (including testing) on the levels and types of treatment provision within GDS practices

4. To develop a hierarchy of dental conditions permissible within various clinical restriction scenarios (e.g. AGPs allowed/not allowed in primary care) to allow practitioners to prioritise patients during the recovery phase and estimate the level of treatment provision that may be possible

5. To estimate the amount of Personal Protective Equipment required by GDS practices under defined scenarios

6. To produce preliminary operational guidance to assist practices to maximise the level of treatment provision while maintaining social distancing and implementing enhanced cross-infection and decontamination procedures.

Methodology

- Formation of a HSCB led working group with membership as below to take forward the following stages
- Development of a practice survey to obtain the necessary data
- Collation, summary and analysis of the data
- Production of summary report of GDS preparedness
- Group discussion and literature review to determine type, level and priority of treatments possible under defined scenarios
- Modelling of GDS PPE requirements under defined scenarios
- Production of preliminary operational guidance to GDS practices

Timeframe

- A short timeframe is envisaged. The group will be disbanded upon production of the summary report and preliminary guidance with deadline of DATE

Members
- HSCB representatives
- DoH representatives
- BDA representatives
- LDC representatives
- CDS/HDS representatives