

To: Volunteering GDPs

BY EMAIL

Dear Colleague

Re: Volunteers for COVID-19 Emergency Dental Centres

Thank you for your kind offer to volunteer for the Trust-based Emergency Dental Centres. There has been a very encouraging response from GDPs.

In the coming days we are arranging FFP3 fit testing followed by assignment of dentists to appropriate centres. Before we do that, however, we need to ensure that all dentists going forward meet all of the following criteria:

1. No significant underlying health issues that would increase your risk of illness. Please refer to the webpage below for a list of relevant conditions.
(click on the blue links for further clarification of conditions)
<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-guidance-on-social-distancing-and-for-vulnerable-people/guidance-on-social-distancing-for-everyone-in-the-uk-and-protecting-older-people-and-vulnerable-adults>
2. Have been on the Northern Ireland Dental List for 3 years (or equivalent elsewhere). Experience in Oral Surgery will also be taken into account.
3. Be available to attend for specialised fitting of a FFP3 mask on a date prior to the first clinical session. Appointments will be issued by email.

4. Be available to attend an induction session of approximately 90 minutes in the Centre arranged by the Clinical Lead.
5. Be available to staff the Centre one day per week. I hope you will appreciate that while you will be allocated to your preferred centre we may need to assign you to another centre in the event of there being shortages there.

Please confirm that you meet the criteria above and are happy to be mask fitted by responding by email to amanda.jackson@hscni.net.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Michael Donaldson". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized initial 'M'.

Michael Donaldson
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