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Dear Colleague

DEVELOPING A STATUTORY DUTY OF CANDOUR FOR HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE

The Department of Health is currently taking forward work to develop a Duty of Candour for Health and Social Care. We are inviting dental practitioners, dental care professionals and practice managers working in general dental practice to join us for a workshop on Wednesday 20 November at 6.30pm in the Dunsilly Hotel, Antrim. This event will explore the implications of this for the sector and individual practices.

The Department is working to implement the recommendations arising from the Inquiry into Hyponatraemia Related Deaths (IHRD). One of the main recommendations arising was in relation to the need for a statutory Duty of Candour, which will apply both to healthcare organisations and the individuals who work in them. Alongside this a number of recommendations also relate to a culture of openness and transparency in Health and Social Care. This work will have implications for the dental profession and those working within dental practices, in relation to changes in practice and also governance arrangements.

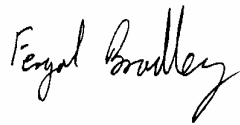
A Duty of Candour Workstream and Being Open sub-group has been established with representatives from HSC, 3rd sector and service users and carers, and independently chaired by Quintin Oliver and Peter McBride. The Workstream and sub-group are considering a wide range of information and evidence to support their work, which includes the involvement of a wide range of stakeholders.

We are inviting representatives from dental practices to join us for a workshop which will be held on Wednesday 20th November at the Dunsilly Hotel, 20 Dunsilly Road, Antrim, BT41 2JH. The event will start at 6.30pm and refreshments will be available from 6pm. This workshop will provide a background to the programme of work and through workshop sessions, enable representatives from the sector to explore this in further detail. This workshop has also been approved for 2 hours verifiable CPD meeting the GDC development outcomes A and B in a topic covering legal and ethical issues.


A flyer has been attached to share with Practice staff and we are asking you to register to attend on-line [here](#) by Friday 8 November. Please note that places are limited.

Further information regarding the Duty of Candour Workstream and Being Open sub-group may be found [here](#).

Yours sincerely



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