

# General Dental Services – Monthly News Sheet

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In July 2016 there was a small but important change to **NICE Clinical Guidelines on antibiotic prophylaxis**.

CG64 now states: 'Antibiotic prophylaxis against infective endocarditis is not recommended *routinely* for people undergoing dental procedures.' thereby indicating that in individual cases, antibiotic prophylaxis may be appropriate.

For further information please use the following link:

<https://www.nice.org.uk/guidance/cg64>

## Guidance for GDS Practitioners: Dealing with Practice Changes

HSCB have produced guidance to set out what actions are required, when planned or unplanned changes to practice professional staffing occur within a Dental Practice. The guidance details the different responsibilities and requirements in relation to ensuring continuity of care for patients, storage and security of patient records and notification of Commissioners and regulatory bodies. Please see <http://www.hscbusiness.hscni.net/services/2705.htm> for guidance document."

## Mouth Cancer Action Month

The important work of dentists and DCP's in early detection of oral cancer is well recognised. If you would like to help raise **awareness** of mouth cancer then November is the perfect month to do so.



## PRESS THE MOUTH CANCER ICON FOR SOME IDEAS!

For those practices who prefer **social media**, the following link supported by the Oral Health Foundation may be more effective for you:

<http://www.bluelipselfie.co.uk/#gallery>

## Use of Interpreting Services in General Dental Services

As mentioned in the April newsletter, telephone and face to face interpreters may be accessed free of charge for Health Service patients (not private) using HSCB approved service providers.

For further guidance please refer to the Interpreting Services webpage in the Dental Section of the BSO website at the following link:

<http://www.hscbusiness.hscni.net/services/2730.htm>

GDS Newsletters can now be accessed on the dental section of the Department of Health at the following link:

<https://www.health-ni.gov.uk/articles/dental-information-events-news-and-publications>

## Adverse/Serious Adverse Incident (AI/SAI) Reporting

Adverse Incident reporting plays an important part of health and social care's safety and learning culture. The aim of encouraging practices to report incidents is to identify learning, share good practice and improve quality of care, and to prevent recurrence where possible.

Following a number of high profile incidents, SAI guidance was issued in 2015. Given the unique position of Family Practitioner Services within the HSC, two bespoke documents have since been developed; specifically to assist family practitioner staff to understand the adverse incident system and to engage and communicate with the service user / family / carers following a serious adverse incident. These documents:

- **Reference Guide for FPS Practitioners regarding the Reporting of Adverse Incidents and Serious Adverse Incidents** and
- **Engagement / Communication with the Service User / Family / Carers following a Serious Adverse Incident,**

and the original guidance can be found on the BSO website at <http://www.hscbusiness.hscni.net/services/2631.htm>.

Please also see, <http://www.gdc-uk.org/Dentalprofessionals/Standards/Documents/Being%20open%20and%20honest%20with%20patients%20when%20something%20goes%20wrong.pdf> for GDC guidance on the professional duty of candour.

## Learning Alert!

The HSCB is aware of a recent adverse incident when sodium hypochlorite was accidentally extruded through the apex during root canal therapy (RCT).

The HSCB would like to raise awareness with the wider profession of the complications of accidental sodium hypochlorite damage, preventive measures to minimise potential complications and emergency management of accidental damage. While there is no standard therapy for the management of complications associated with hypochlorite, the HSCB have posted advice on the accidental extrusion of sodium hypochlorite on the BSO website and this can be accessed on the following link:

<http://www.hscbusiness.hscni.net/services/2631.htm>

## NIMDTA—Useful Resources

A broad range of useful dental resources are available at the site below. Practitioners may find the trauma management site and the clinical guidance in the advisory/professional bodies section particularly useful.

<http://www.nimdta.gov.uk/dentistry/continuing-education/dent-resources/>

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