MEMORANDUM TO NHS:
PCA(D)(2016)(11)

DENTISTS
NATIONAL HEALTH SERVICE
GENERAL DENTAL SERVICES

1. SCOTLAND’S ORAL HEALTH PLAN: A SCOTTISH GOVERNMENT CONSULTATION EXERCISE ON THE FUTURE OF ORAL HEALTH
2. DEFIBRILLATORS TO INDEPENDENT DENTAL PRACTICES PROVIDING NHS GENERAL DENTAL SERVICES (GDS)


1. The Memorandum to NHS: PCA(D)(2016)(9) advised that the Scottish Government had launched a consultation exercise, Scotland’s Oral Health Plan. We want as many people as possible to participate in the consultation exercise, including those people who have attended or expect to attend a Roadshow event. The questionnaire can be found at the following link:

   www.gov.scot/oralhealthplan

2. This is an opportunity for dentists, members of the dental team, and other health care professionals to shape the future of dental policy for the next generation. It is important that we have as many views as possible from health care professionals working at the front-line in providing NHS dental services. The consultation closes on 8th December 2016.

3. In view of the demand for places at Roadshow events, CDO & Dentistry Division are considering hosting a webinar or web-based seminar event during the consultation period. In order to establish whether there will be sufficient demand for this forum, you are invited to register your interest by contacting us at the following email address:

   NHSgeneraldentalservicesmailbox@gov.scot

Defibrillators to Independent Dental Practices Providing NHS GDS

4. The Memorandum to NHS PCA(D)(2014)(6) advised of the roll out of AEDs (defibrillators) to independent dental practices in Scotland. This Memorandum advises that the mapping exercise to the Scottish Ambulance System is now complete, where a participating dental practice may receive a call to respond to an emergency as a first responder, and will be operational from 1st November 2016.

Background

5. In July 2014 the Scottish Government provided a defibrillator or a cash equivalent payment if the practice already had a defibrillator, providing the practice was content for the defibrillator to be mapped onto the Scottish Ambulance System. The purpose of the initiative was to ensure that:

   • in the event of a medical emergency, the dental team had access to emergency resuscitation equipment; and,
   • through being mapped to first-responder network, provide a community resource in the event of an emergency call in the immediate neighbourhood of the practice.
6. The mapping exercise where the dental practice defibrillators become part of the emergency service has taken longer than anticipated. This is partly because of competing priorities on the part of the ambulance service, the complexity of mapping around 1,000 defibrillators to the ambulance systems, and the need for various IT upgrades to ensure the system can accommodate and integrate with these new defibrillators.

Enquiries

7. Any enquiries arising from this Memorandum should be taken up with your NHS Board.

Scottish Government
Population Health Directorate
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