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Dear Colleagues,

At-Risk Assessments in Primary Care

Individual Occupational Health Assessments - Dental Practice Employees

Signposting Information

Following the recent NHS England and NHS Improvement communication dated 24th June 2020 (reference 001559, copy attached) which outlined the requirements for you as an employer to undertake individual risk assessments for your staff, we would like to provide further information for those of you who may have yet to complete this task and would like to seek commercial support with undertaking these assessments.

For employees of a dental practice, we would like to reiterate that the costs associated with undertaking risk assessments of your employees will need to be met by the employer.

We would like to remind all dental practices they remain legally responsible for securing appropriate occupational health (OH) assessments (including staff risk assessments) for their employees.

It may be helpful to remind you that NHS England & NHS Improvement South East region has arrangements in place with OH provider Heales Medical Ltd in relation to its performers list management.

The aim of sharing this information with you is to simply let you know who may be able to assist you should you be experiencing any difficulty in accessing OH services given the urgency of getting this task completed.

Dental practices yourselves will decide what is appropriate for your needs and Heales Medical Ltd is an option along with many other occupational health providers who can provide similar services. Dental practices may wish to engage an OH provider for more complex high-risk assessments to ensure that they have followed-up on high-risk employees.



We have attached Heales Medical Ltd information and would suggest if you are interested in their services you contact them directly to discuss your individual requirements. Further information about the company and how to access their services can be found on their website <https://www.heales.com/tl/gpdent>.

We hope this information is helpful.

Regards

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