

HAMPSHIRE AND ISLE OF WIGHT LOCAL DENTAL COMMITTEE

**COVID-19 Vaccination of Dentists and Dental Teams Staff**

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Dear General Medical Practitioner

The Hampshire and Isle of Wight Local Dental Committee (H&IOW LDC) has been informed that there is resistance from some general medical practices to recognise that ***Dental Practice Team Workers are classed as Frontline Healthcare Staff as described within the Green Book Chapter 14a-COVID-19-SARS-CoV-2 Page 10.***

As dental practices will remain open in both the NHS and Private sector as directed by the Chief Dental Officer (England) it is fundamental to the continuity of dental care services that dental teams are immunised within **Priority Group 2. Dental Practice Teams have frequent face-to-face clinical contact with patients in primary care settings.**

The H&IOW LDC appreciates that currently the vaccination programme for Priority Group 1 is likely to run well into January but we are very concerned that some Medical Practice Receptionists, when contacted, are claiming that dental team members are not on their priority 2 Covid-19 vaccination list.

There are concerns that some medical records databases have not been updated to the detriment of dental practice team members who may have changed their occupation.

On behalf of all dentists within Hampshire and the Isle of Wight we thank you in advance for your cooperation.

Naturally, we recognise and respect the valiant efforts of our medical colleagues in the fight against this disease.

Yours faithfully



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