



Llywodraeth Cymru
Welsh Government

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Dear Colleague

Re: Information for General Dental Practitioners working in Wales

I hadn't intended to write to you again so soon but there are two items of news from England that I thought it was important you should be made aware of.

Public Health England have now published version 3 of the evidence based prevention toolkit '**Delivering Better Oral Health**'. This toolkit has been completely updated and contains the most up to date evidence on prevention of oral disease. We have arranged for each dental practice in Wales to receive a hard copy of this document. This will be delivered in the next 2-3 months. In addition I am making arrangements the electronic version to be placed on the Information for Professionals webpage of www.designedtosmile.co.uk. where it can be downloaded if required.

In my last letter I set out Welsh Government's position regarding contractual developments. Since then the Department of Health have issued an open consultation '**Improving Dentistry**' which is seeking views on contract reform in England.

They can be viewed at <https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/improving-dental-contracts>. I think it is vital that the profession in Wales understands what the position is in England, and, I would encourage you to read the attached documents. I believe that colleagues at the Department of Health would be happy for you to write to me about the questions that they pose. It will be important to consider your responses over the next couple of months before we publish our own options. In order to facilitate this I hope that you could reply via email to dentalconsultation@wales.gsi.gov.uk

Yours sincerely

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