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Dental Public Health Update to Local Dental Committees

1. Dental Symposia

Because of snow the dental symposium due to be held in Wrexham on St David's Day was postponed. A new date for an event in North Wales will be communicated to the dental profession and others soon. The Cardiff symposium was held on the 13th March 2018 at the Principality Stadium, Westgate Street, Cardiff, CF10 1NS.

2. Advice for Dental Practices During the Influenza Season

It has taken a few weeks for the National influenza Advisory Group to approve the advice for dental practices during influenza season.

The advice is now available online in Welsh and English:

<http://www.wales.nhs.uk/sitesplus/888/tudalen/88376> (Welsh)

<http://www.wales.nhs.uk/sitesplus/888/page/88375> (English)

As influenza is still actively circulating it is not too late to be vaccinated.

3. Dental General Anaesthesia

The 2017 annual Dental GA report will be published soon on the dental public health website at: www.wales.nhs.uk/sitesplus/888/page/69210

4. Intimate Piercings

The Public Health (Wales) Act 2017, which came into force in July 2017 (<http://www.legislation.gov.uk/anaw/2017/2/contents>), includes provisions at Part 5 relating to the intimate piercing of children.

These provisions come into force on 1 February 2018 and make it an offence to intimately pierce children and young people under the age of 18 in Wales.

There are ten "intimate areas" specified within the Act, and these apply to all genders (the anus; breast [including the nipple and areola]; buttock; natal cleft; penis [including the foreskin]; perineum; pubic mound; scrotum; tongue, and vulva).