

## **Proposal to Provide Occupational Health Services for ABM Health Board NHS Dental Practices**

### **Background**

ABM Health Board's Primary Care and Occupational Health teams have worked together to develop a proposal to provide occupational health services to dental practices that are contracted to deliver dental services to NHS patients. The service will be funded using the Welsh Government allocation received by primary care teams for this purpose.

### **Proposal – 2014/15**

There is approx £32k available for the remainder of the 2014/15 financial year after which the sum available per annum is approx £19k.

During the period January 2015 – March 2015, the proposal is to undertake baseline checks of dental staff with direct patient contact for those practices that wish to participate. The process will start with practices completing an expression of interest following which their staff will be asked to complete a health questionnaire and declaration (attached for information). The relevant manager will need to complete Part A. The completed paperwork will be returned direct to the ABM Occupational Health Dept in a sealed envelope in order to maintain confidentiality.

Following receipt of the completed questionnaire, a paper assessment will be undertaken to establish whether a consultation is required and any follow up immunisations and vaccinations will be offered.

Each member of staff will have an Occupational Health Record which will be retained securely by the ABM Occupational Health Team; the individual and Dental Practice Manager will also receive a clearance letter.

### **Proposal – 2015/16 and Beyond**

Once the baseline check has been completed for those practices wishing to participate, an ongoing service will be provided for new recruits and inoculation injuries in accordance with the ABM Policy.

### **Sickness Absence and Attendance Management**

These services currently fall outside of the proposed Service Level Agreement however can be provided on an ad hoc basis for an additional fee. The SLA will be reviewed and activity monitored to assess value for money.

