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Dear Colleagues,

**DENTAL TEAM VOLUNTEERING FOR THE WIDER NHS REDEPLOYMENT (COVID 19)**

I am writing to inform you of our plans for the facilitation of redeployment opportunities for dental teams in Wales into the NHS.

We are actively involved in the emergency planning response to the current COVID-19 public health emergency. Our priority currently is to use our expertise and resources to support our frontline NHS services considering the increasing demands from the pandemic, and to maintain the safety and wellbeing of our staff and our learners across Wales.

We need to concentrate on developing and supporting more innovative approaches from the “extended” dental workforce to support the additional temporary NHS capacity that will need to be put in place now. The Local Health Boards have many clinical and non-clinical positions to fill in order to maintain our response to the emergency and we have been asked to facilitate the response to this by the dental professions.

In the next few days we will be writing to you all asking if you are able to help in delivering additional services to the NHS.

**We will ask you to complete a short survey so that we can understand how many colleagues wish to volunteer to help, and in addition, collect some information about the variety of skills that volunteers possess which will help identify suitable roles.**

**We hope that you can respond as soon as possible, as we want to be able to develop our response as quickly as possible to allow all stakeholders sufficient time to mobilise and organise volunteers for redeployment.**

**Best wishes**

**David Thomas**  
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