

Dear colleague,

We have been working within the Welsh Government and with Health Education and Improvement Wales regarding redeployment. As you will be aware, redeployment in Wales is voluntary. The accompanying information sheet provides you with the background to our approach in Wales.

Prior to volunteering, dental team members from dental practices with NHS contracts, must discuss their wish to redeploy with their practice owner. Their discretion should be based on their ability to deliver to the current service model provided across Wales. Volunteers from other sectors must seek the approval from their line manager, as appropriate, to ensure current levels of service can be maintained.

Redeployment across Wales is being managed by the COVID-hub. You can access the hub here www.covidhubwales.co.uk and the process is as follows:

1. Use the search bar at the top of the page to search by either preferred travel distance, or job role;
2. Choose a locality you want to work within (or a specific role - if advertised) and click on register your interest;
3. Register as a user to create a profile;
4. Complete the interactive registration form and submit (**please ensure that you indicate your role in the dental team in the on-line form**); and
5. You will receive confirmation of your registered interest.

Once you have submitted your form via the COVID-hub, your local Health Board will contact you directly for an interview. Induction, roles, the provision of PPE, contracting and payment (where appropriate) will be managed by the Health Board and will remain their responsibility. Those who volunteer must ensure they work to the limits of their competency and training, in accordance with GDC guidance and Health Boards will ensure that expectations will reflect this. Redeployed volunteers will be covered by crown immunity, but must have an Honorary contract in place with their local Health Board to facilitate this.

The Welsh Government would like to take this opportunity of thanking you again for your commitment and professionalism, during this difficult time.

Yours sincerely,
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