

You may be aware that the Chief Dental Officer (CDO) for Wales yesterday issued a Red Alert to all Primary Care Dental Teams in Wales. This was in order to ensure that dental teams are being protected from infection, complying with social distancing measures and helping others to do so, to help reduce the transmission. This alert has also been supported by the British Dental Association.

The [letter](#) and [related guidance](#) can be accessed via the links. A number of actions are outlined within the letter and guidance document.

We are writing to you as you are a dental practice providing private dental services only, in order to circulate this alert from the CDO.

We advise that you adhere to this alert and act accordingly by ceasing to provide dental services immediately. Should you continue to provide services we would consider this to be a potential breach of regulations.

Whilst issuing this advice and sharing this alert, we are extremely mindful of the financial potential impact this may have on livelihoods and businesses. HIW is currently considering the deferral of requesting annual fees as one measure to help alleviate financial pressures. We will update you on any decision taken regarding this in due course. In terms of further advice and information on what financial support may be available to your businesses, we would direct you to the following sources:

- <https://gov.wales/business-and-employers-coronavirus>
- <https://businesswales.gov.wales/coronavirus-advice>

If you wish any further clarification on this matter, then please get [in touch](#).

*Ymddiheurwn bod y cylchlythyr hwn dim ond yn ar gael yn Saesneg yn unig, ond rydym wedi penderfynu danfon hwn atoch chi ar frys.*