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To:
All General Dental Practitioners

Date: 15 November 2011

Dear Colleague,

Occupational Health (OH) Services for General Dental Practitioners who provide services under General Dental Services (GDS) and their directly employed staff.

I am writing to inform you that the Department has reached an agreement with HSC Trusts for provision of OH services to GDS Dental Practitioners and their directly employed staff. These services can be accessed through either management referral or self referral. In addition, GDS dental practitioners can self refer to an OH consultant directly. The range of occupational health services covered by these arrangements is detailed in the Service Level Agreement on the Department's website at http://www.dhsspsni.gov.uk/ohs_sla_nov_2011_web.pdf.

If you require any of these services please contact the local occupational health service in your HSC Trust area, these are also detailed on the Department's website at http://www.dhsspsni.gov.uk/ohs_gp_contact_details.pdf.

I would ask you to ensure that your staff are made aware of the availability of the service and how to access it.

Good occupational health and safety is an essential part of the effective management of the health of people at work. It can help prevent work-related ill health and accidents and improve employee morale and performance. The early intervention of Occupational Health Services will help staff maintain their health, well being and safety, and ultimately empower them to deliver better and safer services.

Yours sincerely,

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