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Dear patient,

As you may be aware, Nicola Sturgeon announced that, as part of Phase 3 of the remobilisation from Lockdown, dental practices in Scotland would be able to see patients for routine NHS treatment from the 13th July. She also mentioned that this did not include treatment that required aerosol generating procedures, since this has an inherent risk in spreading Covid-19.

As you will appreciate, your dentist is as keen as you are to recommence the full range of care. Unfortunately almost all treatments in dentistry require the generation of aerosols. The dental drill, ultrasonic scaler, and even washing and drying a tooth produces aerosols.

This means that, in order to ensure the safety of everyone, the range of dental care that can be offered by your dentist in their practice will continue to be extremely limited.

Obviously there are some conditions that are extremely pressing, but require the use of the dental drill / aerosols. In these cases, your dentist will continue to liaise with the Urgent Dental Care Centres, in order to ensure that this urgent treatment is carried out in as safe and protected environment as possible.

Can I ask that you please bear with us through this trying time, and understand that your dentist, like all the other professionals of the NHS family, has your safety uppermost in their mind.

Kindest Regards,



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