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Dear Colleague,

As I am sure you will be aware, the Cabinet Secretary for Health and Social Care, Humza Yousaf MSP, wrote to all NHS dental teams on 28 June 2022. In the letter, he set out our first steps in the wider engagement programme with the sector, which included a survey on the possible list of treatments for inclusion in a future NHS model. A copy of that letter can be viewed [here](#).

I would like to take this opportunity to thank those of you who have already completed the survey. It is essential that we hear the views of as many members of the dental team as possible, so I would encourage those who have not yet completed the survey to take the time to do so. I would also ask that you share this information with your wider dental team.

If you would like to take part in the survey, the list of treatment items can be viewed on [Scottish Dental](#) and the survey can be completed at this [link](#). The survey will remain open for responses until 23:45 on 31 July 2022.

I would like to reassure you that this survey will not be your only chance to feed in to the reform process. Our intention is for this to be an iterative process as we move through the reform. Once we have reflected on the responses from this survey we will make adjustments to our proposals and if required we will go out again to the whole sector for views.

The Cabinet Secretary also indicated that we will be setting up a NHS dental reform advisory group. I am keen to ensure that this group has members with as wide a range of experience as possible and would strongly encourage any members of the dental team who are interested in being involved to nominate themselves.

In the Cabinet Secretary's letter it asks that, dental contractors should be at least 70% NHS committed, and your practice should likewise be at least 70% NHS. For members of the wider practice team, should you wish to be involved, your practice should be at least 70% NHS committed. Additionally, it may be helpful to know that the intention is for the group to



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meet virtually on a fortnightly basis, with meetings lasting for no more than two hours. If you would like to put your name forward you should submit a statement of intent of around half a page, explaining your interest in the being part of the advisory group and why you think you would be a good fit, to your NHS Board by 31 July 2022 for consideration. Boards will be in touch with further details about the process in due course.

Our intention is for the reform programme to be as focused and inclusive as possible and I would encourage everyone to take this opportunity to share your views and help us shape the future NHS dental model.

Yours sincerely,



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**Chief Dental Officer**