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Dear Colleagues

Re: Deputy Chief Dental Officer

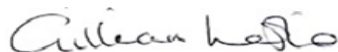
As you will be aware, the position of Deputy Chief Dental Officer with a focus on oral health improvement and reducing inequalities was advertised recently and the interviews held last week.

I am delighted to confirm that following open competition, Kate Wiseman has been successful in securing the role. She will be joining us as Deputy Chief Dental Officer, alongside Gavin McLellan, for 4 days a week for a two-year period. This gives the clinical team a broad range of experience from across the dental sector to build on our existing successes and to support the incoming government in their important commitments across the sector.

Our other Interim DCDO, Morag Muir was also recently successful at interview, securing the national function of Consultant in Public Health at Public Health Scotland, formerly Maura Edward's position. I would like to take this opportunity to wish Morag well in the new role and thank her for her input and valuable contribution during her time with us as Interim Chief Dental Officer.

I look forward to working closely with the new team, and with all of you, in ensuring patient-centered, accessible dental care, maximizing ongoing improvements in oral health, and continuing reductions in health inequalities across the country.

Yours sincerely



Gillian Leslie
Chief Dental Officer