

To All Primary Care Dental Practitioners

Dear Dentist

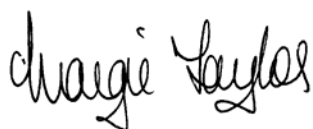
**DECONTAMINATION – TESTING, MAINTENANCE
AND REVALIDATION OF EQUIPMENT**

My purpose in writing is to update you on the issue of testing, maintenance and revalidation of dental decontamination equipment. This matter has been considered by both the dental decontamination group and the decontamination policy advisory group.

As a result Scottish Ministers are of the opinion that following validation on installation, the testing, maintenance and revalidation of equipment in compliance with the **manufacturers instructions** will allow practitioners to meet their obligations to provide proper, sufficient and safe decontamination standards as set out in the NHS (General Dental Services) (Scotland) Regulations 2010, Schedule 1 paragraph 42 (1).

Scottish Ministers continue to keep the decontamination matters in general under review and as further evidence emerges reserve the right to issue further guidance on this interpretation.

Yours faithfully



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