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Paul Davies MS
Welsh Parliament
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Dear Paul,

During Minister's questions in Plenary on 24 February, I undertook to write to you regarding the flexibility and consistency of approach towards annual contract payments to NHS dental contractors by Hywel Dda University Health Board during the pandemic.

The Health Board has provided assurance to officials that it is doing all it can to support practices and is following Welsh Government guidance in their funding and management of dental practices with NHS contracts. Please see the most recent letter from the Chief Dental Officer to all primary care dental teams in Wales dated 18 February. Annex 1 of the letter sets out the requirements and expectations for NHS dental contract holders.



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The Health Board has also agreed to match the additional funding provided by the Welsh Government for improved ventilation in NHS dental practices.

Yours sincerely,

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