



BAPD Press Release re: Staying Open

Sir,

Whilst it may or may not be the case that the UK is entering into a nationwide lockdown, there are essential services that the public should feel assured are safe to continue to use. Dentistry is one of them.

Dental Professionals have decades of experience protecting their patients and teams from infectious diseases; their protocols during Covid-19 are no exception. It is critical that the public remain able to access these services during any lockdown, not only for emergencies like toothache, but also for essential dental examinations.

The early detection of Oral Cancer is vitally important, alongside preventing small issues becoming dental emergencies. There is also the potential to spot general health problems during an assessment of someone's oral health.

We wish to send out a clear message to the public: **it is safe and essential to attend the dentist.**

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