



DENTAL PROBLEMS GP RESPONSIBILITIES

Guidance for Sheffield GPs

Practices continue to contact the LMC with concerns regarding GPs' responsibilities when patients present with dental problems. The General Practitioners Committee (GPC) recently issued guidance on emergency dental services, acute dental conditions, oral health and prescribing, which can be accessed via:

<https://www.bma.org.uk/advice/employment/gp-practices/quality-first/manage-inappropriate-workload/patients-presenting-with-possible-dental-problems>

Sheffield Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) guidance *Oral Health – A brief guide for General Practitioners and other primary care clinicians* contains information on:

- the circumstances when the specialist dental services might request the GP to continue the supply of oral health preparations;
- medication that can affect oral health;
- where to signpost patients to that need to access dental services.

The guidance can be accessed via:

http://www.intranet.sheffieldccg.nhs.uk/Downloads/Medicines%20Management/prescribing%20guidelines/Dental_Health_GP%20version.pdf

In addition, the LMC has issued guidance on requests to prescribe fluoride based toothpastes, which can be accessed via:

<http://www.sheffield-lmc.org.uk/website/IGP217/files/23%20PrescribingFluorideBasedToothpastes-Mar16.pdf>