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COVID-19 Update No 8

• Public holiday 4th / 8th May

Dear Colleagues,

Early public holiday in May

You will all be aware of the confusion that abounded with the change of the early public holiday in May from the 4th to the 8th by the UK government and then by NHSL deciding that it would continue with the 4th as a public holiday and the 8th would be a normal working day.

We are of course now in a completely different position with regard to all of that and I have been informed this morning that both Medical and Pharmacy practices will be "open as normal" on both the 4th and the 8th and that NHS24 will NOT be providing a day-time telephone triage service on either day. The evening service and that over the weekend of the 5th and 6th May will run normally.

I'm afraid I must therefore ask you to provide the current level of practice-based triage for patients on both the 4th and 8th with referral to the Urgent Dental Care Centers as required.

Thank you all once again for your support and with all my best

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