



Statement 3 by the President, 30 March 2020
British Endodontic Society Statement on COVID-19 virus
Foreword by The President

*“People underestimate their capacity for change.
There is never a right time to do a difficult thing.” John Porter, 2016*

Further to last week’s statements by the CDOs of the four UK jurisdictions in response to the rapidly developing COVID-19 pandemic, the BES has been working tirelessly to keep abreast of the latest advice to the profession.

On the website we have links to all of the latest documents that will be updated as and when required, including the most recent NHS England statement.

The BES is therefore keen to share with the profession the following two documents reflecting our latest recommendations (access via website homepage):

- **Information and Advice on Triage and Management for Primary Dental Care and other healthcare providers during the COVID-19 Pandemic**
- **Diagnosis and Management of Endodontic Emergencies, a British Endodontic Society Position Paper for Primary Dental Care and other healthcare providers during the COVID-19 pandemic**

These documents are *dynamic* and subject to change as official advice and research is released.

To remind colleagues, *emergency* endodontic conditions should only be triaged locally, but then referred on to the Local Urgent Dental Care (LUDC) centres if a patient cannot be managed conservatively. These centres will incorporate the latest evidence-based PPE and protocols to ensure the safety of the staff working within this system.

Those of us in primary and specialist dental care will have to work collaboratively with our Local Urgent Dental Care system.

Please keep safe and attentive to these changes over this challenging period in our professional lives.

Best regards,



A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Sanjeev".

Dr Sanjeev Bhanderi (President) and BES Council