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BDA Review Body Evidence Committee

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Dear Dr Crooks,

Thank you for your letter dated 21 July 2022 regarding uplifts for NHS dental contracts; particularly with regards to the expense's element.

I'm very pleased that I was able to accept the Doctor's and Dentists' Review Body (DDRB) recommendation to pay a 4.5% increase for Independent Contractor General Dental Practitioners. This uplift will be applied against the whole contract value rather than net of expenses, which of course is a better position than the DDRB recommendation.

I have also approved separate funding that will be paid in addition to the contract uplift, to ensure staff working within dental teams receive a fair, proportionate and equitable pay uplift. Officials will be in touch in due course to discuss the details for implementing this.

Whilst I understand the basis for your request to uplift expenses in line with inflation, the UK Government's financial settlement for Wales falls far short of what is required to meet expectations of pay awards which reflect rising inflation. However, I hope the implementation of this year's pay uplift as described above will go some way to recognise the hard work of our all our NHS dentists throughout the pandemic and recovery efforts.

Yours sincerely,

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