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Dear Colleagues,

APPOINTMENT OF THE NEW CHIEF DENTAL OFFICER FOR WALES

I am pleased to announce that Andrew Dickenson has been appointed as the new Chief Dental Officer for Wales.

Andrew joins the Welsh Government from Health Education England where he has been working as Regional Postgraduate Dean for Midlands and East of England as an Oral & Maxillofacial Surgeon. Andrew is also Vice Chair of COPDEND and brings a broad range of experience in both clinical and non-clinical roles, including at national level. He will be taking up his new post with the Welsh Government on 1 April 2022.

The role of Chief Dental Officer is responsible for providing professional dental leadership in Wales. They are also the senior adviser to Welsh Ministers and officials on all matters related to dentistry and oral health to ensure accessible, safe, preventive dental care and effective oral health improvement programmes are delivered in Wales.

Yours sincerely,

Alex Slade

Cyfarwyddwr o Gofal Sylfaenol ac Iechyd Meddwl
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