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Dear Sir/Madam,

I wish to take the opportunity to inform you that the development of the National Oral Health Policy is now reaching its penultimate stage.

Dr Nicholas Deal, a Post-Doctoral Researcher in the University of Limerick has been engaged and is tasked with consulting with the dental profession starting with dentists, dental educators and students of dentistry. The outcome of his work will inform the policy.

Dr Deal's letter of introduction which sets out the context and aims of his work and the process for the consultation is attached.

It is important that you respond to Dr Deal with your expression of interest if you are in a position to give approximately one hour of your time for an interview.

This consultation will provide a good opportunity to hear the voice of practitioners, educators and students and will build on our previous consultation held in May 2015.

I would very much appreciate hearing your views, based on your experience to date and your vision for the future, as we undertake this important stage of policy development.

Yours sincerely,

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