

Dear patient,

As many of you will be aware, Mike Starkey has been away from the practice after suffering a spontaneous retinal detachment a few weeks ago.

Despite emergency surgery and excellent post-operative care at the Bristol Eye Hospital, the damage to his eye could not be repaired. Mike has been given the devastating news that he can no longer continue his work as a practicing dentist; it simply would be clinically unsafe to do so.

I'm sure that you can appreciate this has been a particularly difficult turn of events for Mike as he loved his work and he loved being an integral part of the practice that he so enthusiastically helped to build.

He will not be returning in any clinical capacity, but we do hope that Mike will be able to continue to help and support the practice in other ways.

We understand that such a big change can create all manner of questions or concerns and if so, please do contact us ideally by email at info@colemanstarkey.co.uk .

We want to reassure you that the team is here to support you during this transitional period and will be working hard to provide cover for any of Mike's patients requiring dental care.

Our commitment to you as a practice continues and we will be staying in touch to schedule future appointments and ensure that your dental care continues seamlessly.

We would like to thank you for your understanding, your continued loyalty and your trust in us; I know that you will join us in wishing Mike all the best for the future and in thanking him for his professionalism, dedication and personal touch over his many years with the practice.

I will miss my business partner of 20 years.

Please feel free to pass on any messages of goodwill to him either by emailing info@colemanstarkey.co.uk or by writing to *Mike Starkey c/o Coleman and Starkey Dental Practice, Timbrell Street, Trowbridge, BA14 8PL.....*we will pass those messages on as soon as we get them.

We look forward to seeing you soon and continuing to provide you with the highest quality of dental care.

Warm regards,

Mike Coleman and all at Coleman and Starkey