

3 August 2020

Dear Colleague,

We write to inform you that, with regret, we have been asked to postpone the SSG EQIP meeting due to be held at Royal College of Physicians of Edinburgh on Friday 28<sup>th</sup> August 2020 at short notice. Despite assurances that the meeting could proceed in the current phase of lockdown, recent uncertainties engendered by the perceived risk of a second wave of COVID-19 infections and ambiguous statements by both the Scottish and UK Governments on the possibility of holding face to face meetings in the last 7-10 days have led to the Royal College Management Team unilaterally cancelling all meetings until October 2020.

Whilst we deeply regret the timescale involved in the cancellation of the meeting, we can assure you that the organising committee are working actively to review alternatives which include postponing the face to face meeting until after 1<sup>st</sup> October 2020 or arranging, in collaboration with the British Society of Gastroenterology, a joint SSG/BSG webinar format event.

We would like to thank you for registering to attend the meeting and your ongoing commitment to the SSG. Our meeting secretariat, Amethyst CME, will be in touch to arrange a refund of all registration fees paid and we will contact you again when our position is clearer.

Once again, please accept our apologies for this late change of plan which has been entirely out of our control.

Kind regards,

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