



Dear Colleague

## REVISED SCOTTISH DENTAL ACCESS INITIATIVE

### AMENDMENT NO. 166 TO THE STATEMENT OF DENTAL REMUNERATION

#### Summary

1. This circular advises of Amendment No. 166 to the Statement of Dental Remuneration (SDR) which updates Determination XIII – Recruitment and Retention Allowances (R&R), in conjunction with a non-SDR coordinating change to the Scottish Dental Access Initiative (SDAI).
2. Other than updating the eligible areas for SDAI and R&R capital funding, there is no change in any other aspects of the SDAI. Further details may be found at:

[PCA\(D\)\(2016\)12](#), [PCA\(D\)\(2018\)3](#), [PCA\(D\)\(2019\)05 - General Dental Services: revised Scottish Dental Access Initiative](#), [PCA\(D\)\(2021\)08 - General Dental Services: revised Scottish Dental Access Initiative](#), [NHS: PCA\(D\)\(2023\)2 – Revised Scottish Dental Access Initiative – 25 April 2023 – Scottish Dental](#) and [PCA\(D\)\(2024\)3 - Amendment No. 165 to the SDR - 29 October 2024](#).

#### Action

3. NHS Boards are asked to issue the Memorandum to this letter to all dentists and dental bodies corporate on their dental lists.

Yours sincerely,

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Chief Dental Officer

10 March 2025

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#### Addresses

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**Scottish Dental Access Initiative (SDAI)**

1. The purpose of this Memorandum is to advise of the revised eligible areas to the Scottish Dental Access Initiative and Recruitment and Retention Allowance.
2. The SDAI offers financial assistance to establish a new, or expand or purchase an existing, NHS dental practice in areas where access to GDS availability is poor, i.e. unmet patient demand. We have recently reviewed with NHS Boards the areas which should be included as part of the SDAI grant, and from 10 March 2025, the areas where the grant is eligible are:
  - Dalmellington and Patna within NHS Ayrshire and Arran;
  - NHS Borders;
  - NHS Dumfries and Galloway;
  - Dunfermline, Glenrothes and Kirkaldy within NHS Fife;
  - Stirlingshire within NHS Forth Valley;
  - Banff, Buchan, Fraserburgh and Moray within NHS Grampian;
  - Inverclyde within NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde;
  - NHS Highland;
  - NHS Orkney;
  - NHS Shetland;
  - Arbroath, Forfar, Montrose, Perth and Kinross (excluding Perth City and Kinross) within NHS Tayside and;
  - NHS Western Isles.
3. For further information on the terms and conditions of the SDAI, please refer to [PCA\(D\)\(2023\)2 - General Dental Services: revised Scottish Dental Access Initiative](#). If you are interested in applying for this grant, please contact your NHS Board for further information.

**Recruitment and Retention Allowance**

4. The eligible areas for Recruitment and Retention Allowance replicates from the SDAI and include:
  - Dalmellington and Patna within NHS Ayrshire and Arran;
  - NHS Borders;
  - NHS Dumfries and Galloway;
  - Dunfermline, Glenrothes and Kirkaldy within NHS Fife;
  - Stirlingshire within NHS Forth Valley;
  - Banff, Buchan, Fraserburgh and Moray within NHS Grampian;
  - Inverclyde within NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde;
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  - NHS Orkney;

- NHS Shetland;
- Arbroath, Forfar, Montrose, Perth and Kinross (excluding Perth City and Kinross) within NHS Tayside and;
- NHS Western Isles.

## **Statement of Dental Remuneration**

5. The official publication of Amendment No. 166 of the Statement of Dental Remuneration can be found online at [Statement of Dental Remuneration – Scottish Dental](#).

## **Enquiries**

Any enquiries arising from this Memorandum should be taken up with your NHS Board.

Scottish Government Directorate for Primary Care  
10 March 2025