



Dear Colleague

## **ROLL OUT OF DEFIBRILLATORS TO INDEPENDENT DENTAL PRACTICES PROVIDING NHS GENERAL DENTAL SERVICES (GDS)**

### **Summary**

1. This letter advises NHS Boards of the arrangements for the roll out of AEDs (defibrillators) to independent dental practices in Scotland providing NHS GDS.
2. NHS Boards will be aware of the Scottish Government initiative to make a defibrillator available in every independent dental practice in Scotland providing NHS GDS. The primary aim of this initiative is to ensure that in the event of a medical emergency the dental team have access to this emergency resuscitation equipment.
3. While it is good practice to have a defibrillator available in all NHS dental practices at present, it is not mandatory. This will change once the roll out of defibrillators is complete.
4. NHS Boards should also be aware that a condition of receiving a defibrillator (or the equivalent sum of money if a defibrillator is already in place in a dental practice) is that practice defibrillators are mapped onto the Scottish Ambulance System. This will ensure that the wider community has the opportunity to benefit from this initiative.

18 July 2014

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### **Addresses**

#### For action

Chief Executives, NHS Boards

#### For information

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Chief Executive,  
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Director, Practitioner Services

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## Arrangements for National Roll Out

5. NHS Boards were previously asked for the numbers of independent dental practices (providing NHS GDS) that (a) were currently without a defibrillator, or (b) with a defibrillator, and eligible for a cash equivalent payment. NHS Boards should note that practices with a defibrillator paid for by their NHS Board are not eligible for a cash equivalent payment.

6. We are now in a position to confirm that the contract has been awarded by National Procurement and that the intention is to begin the process of delivering defibrillators to practices during August. The contractor has the names and addresses of practices that are eligible to receive a defibrillator and will contact each practice direct and make the necessary arrangements.

## Financial Allocations for NHS Boards

7. NHS Boards will be receiving provisional allocations at the end of July for those practices who already have a defibrillator and are eligible for a cash equivalent payment. The value of this payment is £718.80 per practice. The provisional allocations are based on the returns made by NHS Boards for the exercise described at paragraph 5.

8. NHS Boards will be expected to make the necessary arrangements for reimbursing each practice within their Board area, once they have received the mapping template (see below).

## Mapping Exercise

9. NHS Boards should note that it is a condition of (a) receiving a defibrillator and (b) taking receipt of a cash equivalent payment, that a practice agrees to participate in the mapping exercise with the Scottish Ambulance Service. For the purpose of this exercise a mapping template is attached at the Annex to the Memorandum to this letter for each practice to complete.

## Action

10. NHS Boards are:

- asked to **urgently** issue the Memorandum to this letter to all independent dental practices that will be affected by the roll out of defibrillators;
- asked to coordinate the returns of the mapping template for each practice in the Board area. We would ask that all templates are returned to Elizabeth McLearn at [NHSgeneraldentalservicesmailbox@scotland.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:NHSgeneraldentalservicesmailbox@scotland.gsi.gov.uk) by 22 August 2014.
- asked to notify us of practices that do not comply with the request to complete the mapping template. These notifications should also be sent to Elizabeth McLearn.

Yours sincerely

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**DENTISTS  
NATIONAL HEALTH SERVICE  
GENERAL DENTAL SERVICES**

**ROLL OUT OF DEFIBRILLATORS TO INDEPENDENT DENTAL PRACTICES  
PROVIDING NHS GENERAL DENTAL SERVICES (GDS)**

**Introduction**

1. This Memorandum advises of the pending roll out of AEDs (defibrillators) to independent dental practices in Scotland.
2. The primary aim of this initiative is to ensure that in the event of a medical emergency the dental team have access to this emergency resuscitation equipment. While it is good practice to have a defibrillator available in a NHS dental practice at present, it is not mandatory. This will change once the roll out of defibrillators is complete.
3. Dentists should also be aware that a condition of receiving a defibrillator (or the equivalent sum of money if a defibrillator has been bought at the expense of the dental practice) is that practice defibrillators are mapped onto the Scottish Ambulance System. This will ensure that the wider community benefits from this initiative.

**Practices Currently Without A Defibrillator**

4. We are now in a position to confirm that the contract has been awarded by National Procurement and that the intention is to begin the process of delivering defibrillators to practices during August. The contractor has the names and addresses of practices that are eligible to receive a defibrillator and will contact each practice direct and make the necessary arrangements.

**Practices Currently With A Defibrillator**

5. Practices currently with a defibrillator are eligible for a cash equivalent payment to the value of £718.80, providing the practice paid for the defibrillator and not their NHS Board.

**Mapping Exercise – Scottish Ambulance Service**

6. In order to be qualify for this initiative and either (a) receive a defibrillator or (b) a cash equivalent payment the practice is required to complete the mapping template form at the Annex to this Memorandum. The form should be returned to the NHS Board by the date stipulated by your Board contact.

**Further Guidance**

7. Further guidance in the form of a Frequently Asked Questions document will be sent to dentists in August.

## **Enquiries**

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

Scottish Government Health and Social Care Integration Directorate  
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Dental AED Mapping Information

Name of Dental Practice	
Name and contact number of person who will be/who is responsible for AED	
<p>Make &amp; Model of AED</p> <p><i>For practices due to receive a defibrillator as part of this exercise, the make and model is as follows:</i></p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;"><i>Make: HeartStart HS1</i></p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;"><i>Model: Phillips</i></p> <p><i>For practices who already have a defibrillator please complete as appropriate.</i></p>	
Full address of practice including postcode.	
Intended/Current site of AED within the practice	
Will your/Is your AED visible and accessible	
<p>Normal opening hours of practice.</p> <p><i>NB: If there is a change to the recorded opening times, there will be a process for SAS to be notified to make the AED unavailable within the system</i></p>	
Will there be/Is there a trained member of staff?	
<p>Will your/does your AED have the following items;</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Scissors</li> <li>2. Razor</li> <li>3. Swab (or similar)</li> </ol> <p><i>NB: They need to be available for deployment with the AED.</i></p>	

