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Chief Dental Officer and Dentistry Division



Dear Colleague

GENERAL DENTAL SERVICES

- 1. AMENDMENT NO 127 TO THE STATEMENT OF DENTAL REMUNERATION**
- 2. ERROR IN AMENDMENT NO 126 TO THE STATEMENT OF DENTAL REMUNERATION**

Summary

1. This letter advises NHS Boards and Practitioner Services of the publication of an amendment to the Statement of Dental Remuneration (SDR), Amendment No 127, which takes effect from 1 August 2014. It also advises of an error contained in Amendment No 126 to the SDR, which took effect from 1 June 2014.

Action

- NHS Boards and Practitioner Services are asked to note:
 - 2.1 the amendment to the SDR, details of which are included in the Memorandum to this letter; and
 - 2.2 the error contained in Amendment No 126 to the SDR.

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

Yours sincerely

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**DENTISTS
NATIONAL HEALTH SERVICE
GENERAL DENTAL SERVICES**

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Amendment No 127 to the Statement of Dental Remuneration – Increase in the Vocational Trainer Grant

2. The grant payable to a vocational trainer under Determination IV of the SDR for the supervision of a vocational trainee will increase with effect from 1 August 2014 to:

- £1,167 a month where the dentist has less than 4 years experience as a trainer; or
- £1,250 a month where the dentist has 4 or more years experience as a trainer;

over the previous 10 years immediately preceding the vocational training year beginning on 1 August 2014 and each subsequent training year thereafter.

3. The amendments to Determination IV to provide for the above are sidelined in the attached Amendment No 127 to the SDR.

Error in Amendment No 126 to the Statement of Dental Remuneration – Section XII (Occasional Treatment) of Determination I (Scale of Fees)

4. In item 50 (Dressing of Deciduous, Permanent or Retained Deciduous Teeth and Other Palliative Treatment) for the dentist's fee of £2.53 for each additional tooth substitute £2.35.

Enquiries

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

STATEMENT OF DENTAL REMUNERATION

Pursuant to Regulation 22(3) of the National Health Services (General Dental Services) (Scotland) Regulations 2010, as amended, Scottish Ministers have amended on 1 August 2014 the Statement of Dental Remuneration.

Amendment No 127

1. This amendment shall take effect from the date set out below:
 - (i) The amendment to Determination IV shall take effect from 1 August 2014.
2. This amendment shall not affect any rights or liabilities acquired or incurred under or by virtue of any provisions of the Statement of Dental Remuneration amended or replaced by this amendment.
3. The attached pages 81 and 82 replace pages 81 and 82 in Amendment No 126 to the Statement of Dental Remuneration.

Statement of Dental Remuneration

DETERMINATION IV VOCATIONAL TRAINING ALLOWANCES

Interpretation

1.—(1) In this Determination, unless the context otherwise requires:—

"dental list" means a dental list prepared by a Health Board in accordance with regulation 4(1) of the National Health Service (General Dental Services) (Scotland) Regulations 2010;

"dentist" means a registered dental practitioner whose name is included in sub-part A of the first part of a dental list;

"EEA" means European Economic Area;

"trainee" means a dentist who is employed by a trainer as an assistant in accordance with paragraph 2 of this Determination;

"trainer" means a dentist whose name is included in sub-part A of the first part of the dental list who employs a trainee as an assistant in accordance with paragraph 2 of this Determination;

"year" means a period beginning on 1 August in one year and ending on 31 July in the next year.

(2) In this Determination, a reference to a numbered paragraph is to the paragraph bearing that number in this Determination and a reference in a paragraph to a numbered sub-paragraph is to the sub-paragraph bearing that number in that paragraph.

Entitlement

2.—(1) A trainer who satisfies the conditions specified in sub-paragraph (2) and who makes a claim to NHS Education for Scotland in accordance with paragraph 5 shall be entitled to the allowances specified in paragraph 3.

(2) The conditions referred to in sub-paragraph (1) are:—

- (a) the trainer's name is included in sub-part A of the first part of the dental list of a Health Board;
- (b) the trainer's application to act as a trainer in a vocational training scheme for general dental practice has been approved by the Postgraduate Dental Dean;
- (c) the trainer has engaged a trainee under a contract of employment as an assistant in his dental practice for a period of one year's full time employment (or an equivalent period of part-time employment) or for such additional period, not exceeding three months' full-time employment or the part-time equivalent, as the Postgraduate Dental Dean has authorised as necessary for the completion of vocational training and the trainee is for the time being employed by the trainer under such a contract;
- (d) the trainer has agreed to pay the trainee a monthly salary at the rate specified in respect of the remuneration of the trainee in this Determination; and

(e) the trainer agrees to meet all the conditions of the assessment system required for satisfactory completion as set down by NHS Education for Scotland.

(3) No allowances will be made under this Determination in respect of trainees who are overseas nationals (other than EEA nationals);

(a) who hold a work permit from the Department for Education and Employment issued under the Training and Work Experience Scheme, or

(b) who do not have a right to work in the United Kingdom for a period greater than 12 months from the date of commencement of the training contract.

Allowances

3.—(1) NHS Education for Scotland shall pay the following allowances to the trainer each month during the currency of the training contract:—

(a) a training grant:

(i) in any case where the trainee's contract provides for employment of at least 35 hours each week, inclusive of any attendance by the trainee at a day release course in connection with the vocational training scheme, the sum specified in paragraph 4(a); or

(ii) in any case where the trainee's contract provides for employment of less than 35 hours each week as defined above, a sum proportionate to the sum specified in paragraph 4(a), calculated by reference to the number of hours for which the contract provides;

(b) reimbursement of the salary which the trainer has paid to the trainee;

(i) in any case where the trainee's contract provides for employment of at least 35 hours each week inclusive of any attendance by the trainee at a day release course in connection with the vocational training scheme, the sum specified in paragraph 4(b); or

(ii) in any case where the trainee's contract provides for employment of less than 35 hours each week as defined above, a sum proportionate to the sum specified in paragraph 4(b), calculated by reference to the number of hours for which the contract provides; and

(c) reimbursement of the amount of the national insurance contributions which the trainer has paid each month as the employer of the trainee.

Amount of Allowances

4. The sums referred to in paragraph 3 are as follows:—

(a) training grant in respect of a contract providing for employment of at least 35 hours each week with effect from 1 August 2014:

(i) £1,167 a month where the dentist has less than 4 years experience as a trainer over the previous 10 years immediately preceding the current year; or

(ii) £1,250 a month where the dentist has 4 or more years experience as a trainer over the previous 10 years immediately preceding the current year.