

Deans of Postgraduate Dental Education
Health Education England

Dear Colleagues

Dental Foundation Trainees application to the National Performers List

As you know, over the last few weeks we have been working with Capita to understand and validate their recovery plans for the services. This has included embedding some additional, temporary, expertise into the Primary Care Support England team.

One area of focus has been on the National Performers List to reduce the backlog of applications awaiting consideration. You will be aware that there are approximately 870 dental foundation trainees who commenced their training in September 2016, whose grace period ends on 1st December 2016. We are aware that many of these trainees have yet to have been accepted onto the Dental Performers List and will be increasingly concerned about their ability to see patients and continue their training.

Whilst we are taking significant steps to ensure all of these applications are properly considered as quickly as possible, it is likely that many will not be considered by a decision making panel by 1st December 2016.

In order to continue to support the needs of patients and to preserve the training period for this cohort of DFTs, the NHS England Board has granted an exceptional extension to the grace period until 31st January 2017.

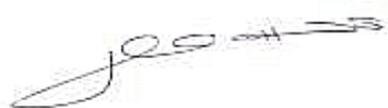
NHS England are providing additional resources to the process in support of PCSE and will continue to supplement local decision making panels with national panels. We have also recruited some additional clinical resource from dental practice advisors to ensure that the material provided to the decision making panels is of the required quality

We are writing to the British Dental Association and to other stakeholders to ensure that DFTs and their practices are informed of this decision.

I would be grateful if you could bring this information to the attention of dental foundation trainees and other interested parties in your area.

Please accept my thanks for yours and your teams on-going support as the recovery of PCSE continues.

Yours sincerely



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