

DENTAL CORE TRAINING 2026/27

NHS Scotland

Raigmore Hospital, Oral Surgery and Orthodontics, and Public Dental Service, UHI House, Inverness

1.	Region (Deanery) Name	Scotland
2.	Title of post Type of Training & duration of post	Raigmore Hospital Oral Surgery and Orthodontics and Public Dental Service UHI House, Inverness DCT2 12 months
3.	Training unit/locations	Raigmore Hospital, Oral Surgery and Orthodontics, and Public Dental Service UHI House, Inverness
4.	Rotational Post information and Duration	This post offers the opportunity to work in the Public Dental Service (also referred to as the Community Dental Service) in the UHI House and Raigmore Hospital Dental Service in Inverness. To maximise training opportunities, the post is longitudinal, on a weekly rotation, rather than 2 x 6-month rotations.
5.	Full address of unit/s where training is based	Raigmore Hospital and Inverness Dental Centre, UHI House, Old Perth Road, Inverness, IV2 3JH. Plus other PDS clinics
6.	Travel Commitment	There will be a requirement to travel within NHS Highland Board in order to obtain a range of experience
7.	Name of Educational Supervisor, if known	tbc
8.	Contact details for Educational Supervisor	tbc
9.	Description of training post	<p>The DCT will alternate weekly between PDS (based in Inverness Dental Centre, UHI House) and HDS in Raigmore Hospital.</p> <p>The DCT will undertake a range of PDS duties including domiciliary visits, management of medically compromised and special care patients, paediatric dentistry and treatment of routine patients within GDS terms and conditions. The trainee will have the opportunity to receive training in inhalation sedation; participate in regular intravenous sedation sessions, and special care and paediatric GA lists. The Raigmore component of the post offers a unique opportunity to gain experience in oral surgery where the DCT will have the opportunity to attend Dentoalveolar surgery Operating lists under GA and LA, to gain further experience, building on previous knowledge gained at DCT1 level. There is the opportunity to participate in Orthodontic clinics, where there will be the prospect to gain experience in the use of</p>

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		<p>removable, functional and fixed appliances under consultant guidance. DCTs will also attend new patient diagnostic clinics.</p> <p>You will be expected to present audits and lead discussions at the regular trainee discussion groups with fellow trainees, senior dentists and hospital staff, where you will be given evaluation which will contribute to your portfolio.</p> <p>The aim is to make the opportunities in the DCT1 posts in NHS Highland dynamic and tailored to suit the needs of the post-holder wherever possible. Previous post holders have taken the opportunity to be involved with clinical supervision and curriculum development in the BSc in Oral Health Sciences at the University of the Highlands and Islands or to become involved in the homeless persons dental service, and similar opportunities will be factored into your work plan where possible.</p>	
10.	Suitable for Temporary Registrant?		NO
11.	Primary Care element Performer Number required?	YES	
12.	Pattern of working including any on-call commitment	<p>Monday-Friday</p> <p>No on call commitment</p>	
13.	Educational programme summary	<p>There is a Scotland-wide education programme for Dental Core Trainees which is designed to match the DCT curriculum. The programme has four themes running through each year of Dental Core Training. These are: Clinical, Communication, Career Development Skills and Quality Improvement & Patient Safety. Posts begin with a local health board and NES induction, followed by face-to-face study events throughout the year, supported by Turas Learn. These events include all Dental Core Trainees in Scotland, as does the annual DCT conference.</p> <p>All trainees have access to study leave time (in line with terms and conditions of service) and budget. This is predominantly to fund attendance of DCTs at the compulsory NES Educational events, however funding may be available to contribute to the cost of other courses linked to an agreed PDP.</p> <p>DCT posts include time for self-directed learning and trainees are encouraged to use this time for personal study and to complete</p>	

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		<p>quality improvement projects.</p> <p>All DCTs, who have not worked in an Oral & Maxillofacial Surgery (OMFS) unit in Scotland previously, attend an additional two-day induction course known as Maxfacts. This course is designed to cover the essential skills for an OMFS DCT post and is delivered by OMFS consultants and senior trainees. The teaching is backed up by on-line resources which will made available to DCTs prior to the Maxfacts course.</p>
	Employment Details	
14.	Employer	<p>NHS Education for Scotland (NES)</p> <p>NHS Highland</p>
15.	Contact email for applicant queries referring to post	Recruitment Query - HR Trainee Services - Jira Service Management
16.	Link to relevant webpages	www.nes.scot.nhs.uk/our-work/dental-core-training/