

DENTAL CORE TRAINING 2026/27

NHS Scotland

Scotland - St John's Hospital OMFS then Edinburgh Dental Institute – Oral Surgery

1. HEE team/Deanery name	Scotland
2. Type of training post	DCT3
3. Rotational Post information	<p>Rotational</p> <p>September 2026 – March 2027 St John's Hospital, Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery Department</p> <p>March 2027 - September 2027 Edinburgh Dental Institute: Oral Surgery</p>
4. Training unit/location/s	Both rotations will be within NHS Lothian Health Board. The first 6 months will be based at the Department of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery, St John's Hospital, Livingston. The second 6 months will be based at the Edinburgh Dental Institute– Oral Surgery
5. Full address of training units where training will take place	<p>September 2026 – March 2027 - Department of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery, St John's Hospital, Howden Road West, Howden, Livingston, EH54 6PP.</p> <p>March 2027 - September 2027 - Edinburgh Dental Institute, Lauriston Place, Edinburgh, EH3 9HA.</p>
6. Travelling commitment	There will be a requirement to travel within the NHS Lothian Board area in order to obtain a range of experience.
7. Educational Supervisor	
8. Description of the training post	<p>The OMFS part of the post is based in a busy Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery unit with a dedicated ward. Post holders will gain experience in the management of oncology, trauma and facial deformity in outpatient clinics and operating lists. The post also offers experience of dento-alveolar surgery under general anaesthesia, local anaesthesia, inhalational and intravenous sedation. A medical FY1 doctor supports patient ward care.</p> <p>The post gives the opportunity for assessment and treatment of patients allowing the post holder to gain wide, well supported, experience. Oral Surgery gives the post holder the opportunity to see and treat the full remit of Oral Surgery. There will be opportunity to assess and perform a variety of out-patient surgical procedures, including surgical extractions, third molar surgery, biopsies, and treatment of more complex conditions under local anaesthetic and sedation, well</p>

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	<p>supported by our specialist and consultant Oral Surgeons. The post holder will also have the opportunity to attend Oral Surgery general anaesthetic theatre lists for both adult and paediatrics. A well established governance structure will give opportunity for improvement activity and portfolio development</p>
9. Primary Care training element	
10. Pattern of working, including any on-call commitment	<p>September 2026-March 2027 (OMFS rotation) 40 Hours per week. Weekdays 8:30 am - 5:30 pm, one late finish 9.00 pm per week, Weekends 8:30 am - 9:00pm (following this 2 days off mid-week)</p> <p>March 2027 – Sept 2027 (OS rotation) 9-5 Mon-Fri only, based at EDI</p>
11. Educational programme summary and library facilities	<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. 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. DCT posts include time for self-directed learning and trainees are encouraged to use this time for personal study and to complete quality improvement projects. 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>
12. Employment information	
13. Employer (s)	NHS Lothian
14. Contact email for applicant queries relating to the post	<p>Please contact the Dental Recruitment Team on https://nesdigital.atlassian.net/servicedesk/customer/portal/30/group/121/create/591</p>
15. Link to relevant webpages	https://eastmidlandsdeanery.nhs.uk/dental/dental-core-training-0

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