DENTAL CORE TRAINING 2026/27
NHS Scotland
Forth Valley Hospital OMFS and Oral Surgery

1.	**Region (Deanery) Name**	Scotland
2.	**Title of post** **Type of Training & duration of post**	Forth Valley Hospital, Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery (OMFS and Oral Surgery) 12 months
3.	**Training unit/locations**	This post is based within NHS Forth Valley based at Forth Valley Hospital.
4.	**Rotational Post information and Duration**	Post does not rotate 12 months
5.	**Full address of unit/s where training is based**	Forth Valley Royal Hospital, Stirling Road, Larbert, FK5 4WR
6.	**Travel Commitment**	There will be a requirement to travel within the NHS Forth Valley and Lanarkshire Health Boards in order to obtain a range of experience.
7.	**Name of Educational Supervsor, if known**	Will be confirmed with post-holder
8.	**Contact details for Educational Supervisor**	Will be confirmed with post-holder
9.	**Description of training post**	If you are keen to expand your knowledge of OMFS and develop your skills in minor oral surgery, then NHS Forth Valley provides the perfect opportunity. You will learn in a supportive environment, with experienced and motivated staff. Hands on experience will be gained under LA, GA and IV sedation, with supervision and training from senior staff. There are 3 all-day general anaesthetic operating lists each week with a full range of complex dentoalveolar surgery, orthognathic surgery, management of trauma and skin cancer as well as head and neck malignancy and salivary gland surgery. There are daily local anaesthetic sessions in addition to 3 IV Sedation lists throughout the week. DCTs who have completed IACSD sedation training will be prioritised to complete their required sedation cases. Outpatient clinics run daily, encompassing specialist Head and Neck Oncology, Trauma, Facial Deformity and Orthognathic, and joint Oral Surgery and OMFS/ Orthodontics MDT clinics. The DCTs are supported on the ward by medically qualified Foundation Doctors for inpatient management of elective and unscheduled care. There are also 5 Speciality Doctors, 2 Consultants in Oral Surgery and 3 OMFS Consultants in FVRH.

		DCTs take part in a weekly rota which includes attendance at ward rounds and theatre lists as well as supporting outpatient clinics and gaining hands on training with minor oral surgery as above. The DCTs are daytime bleep holder as first on call for emergency cases, averaging one week in 5. There is one full session allocated for study/admin, with DCTs encouraged to participate and lead in Quality Improvement work, supported by senior staff. The unit also believes in supporting motivated DCTs in building their CVs for future career pathways, with active encouragement to present at national and international conferences There is a bimonthly Clinical Governance Meeting, with DCTs participating in presenting audits/QI projects and interesting cases. Regular teaching sessions take place within the department, which cover OS/OMFS as well as external speakers from other specialties such as pathology, haematology, orthodontics and ophthalmology.

10.	**Suitable for Temporary Registrant?**	~~YES~~	NO
11.	**Primary Care element Performer Number required?**	~~YES~~	NO

12.	**Pattern of working including any on-call commitment**	The current on call is shared with NHS Lanarkshire and the rota is currently 1:5 non-resident. This can involve A&E attendances in the NHS Lanarkshire hospitals; Monklands District General Hospital, Wishaw General Hospital and Hairmyres Hospital in addition to the Forth Valley Royal Hospital acute site. FVRH, currently takes admissions from both Forth Valley and NHS Lanarkshire during the week and solely Forth Valley at weekends with Lanarkshire admissions going to Greater Glasgow and Clyde over the weekend. On-call can involve travelling between hospitals to see or review patients. **You must be able to travel between hospitals**. The current on call is supported by the West of Scotland specialist registrars and Forth Valley and Lanarkshire consultants. It is recommended that you reside within a 30-minute travel time radius from your on-call base.
13.	**Educational programme summary**	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.
	Employment Details	
14.	**Employer**	NHS Education for Scotland (NES)
15.	**Contact email for applicant queries referring to post**	• [Recruitment Query - HR Trainee Services - Jira Service Management](#)
16.	**Link to relevant webpages**	• https://www.nes.scot.nhs.uk/our-work/dental-core-training/