

DENTAL CORE TRAINING 2026/27

NHS SCOTLAND

Scotland – Public Dental Service Cowdenbeath then Victoria Hospital, Kirkcaldy OMFS, Fife

1.	Region (Deanery) Name	Scotland
2.	Title of post Type of Training & duration of post	DCT1
3.	Training unit/locations	Public Dental Service Cowdenbeath Dental Access Centre, Fife Victoria Hospital, Kirkcaldy Queen Margaret Hospital, Dunfermline
4.	Rotational Post information and Duration	Rotational September 2026 – March 2027 – Public Dental Service Cowdenbeath, Fife March 2027 – September 2027 – Victoria hospital, Kirkcaldy
5.	Full address of unit/s where training is based	Cowdenbeath Dental Access Centre, Stenhouse Str, KY4 9DG Plus additional PDS clinic within Fife Victoria Hospital, Hayfield Road, Kirkcaldy, KY2 5AH Queen Margaret Hospital, Whitefield Rd, Dunfermline KY12 0SU
6.	Travel Commitment	There will be a requirement to travel within the NHS Fife Health board in order to gain maximum specialty experience
7.	Name of Educational Supervisor, if known	To be confirmed with the post holder
8.	Contact details for Educational Supervisor	To be confirmed with the post holder

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9.	Description of training post	<p>In this DCT post, you will undertake a range of PDS duties from September 2026 to March 2027. These may include dental inspection of schools, domiciliary care, care of patients who have special needs or require special care, and paediatric dentistry. There may also be opportunities to participate in GA lists. You will have the opportunity to receive training in inhalation sedation.</p> <p>Fife OMFS is a busy, thriving, and dynamic unit with its main base in the Victoria Hospital, Kirkcaldy. It serves a population of approximately 300000. The team is comprised of OMFS Consultants, Associate Specialists, Specialty Doctors and DCTs. It provides a comprehensive regional OMFS service to the Fife Area. The Fife team undertake all facial trauma surgery, skin surgery, dentoalveolar surgery as well as offering a modern 3D planned orthognathic service. Head and neck oncology patients are initially assessed but go to neighbouring health boards for definitive treatment.</p> <p>The successful post-holder will gain experience of acute maxillofacial complaints, managing inpatients, recognising the sick patient, participating in general outpatient clinics as well as specialist arthroplasty and orthognathic clinics assisting in Theatre and develop skills in the management of orofacial sepsis. There will also be hands on experience in dentoalveolar and skin surgery in both local and general anaesthetic settings.</p> <p>The post is extremely well supported and there are many opportunities to learn and develop your skills. There is also potential scope to sit in on Orthodontic clinics. Geographically, Kirkcaldy is situated in the heart of Fife being 24 miles from St Andrews, 30 miles from Edinburgh and Dundee and 55 miles from Glasgow.</p>	
10.	Suitable for Temporary Registrant?		NO
11.	Primary Care element Performer/List Number required?	YES	
12.	Pattern of working including any on-call commitment	The OMFS rotation does not involve an out-of-hours on-call commitment.	

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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)
	Placement Board	NHS
15.	Contact email for applicant queries referring to post	https://nesdigital.atlassian.net/servicedesk/customer/portal/30/group/121/create/591
16.	Link to relevant webpages	https://eastmidlandsdeanery.nhs.uk/dental/dental-core-training-0