

DENTAL CORE TRAINING 2026-27

NHS Scotland

**Public Dental Service Chalmers Dental Centre And Pennywell All Care Centre
then Edinburgh Dental Institute (Paediatric Dentistry)**

1.	HEE team/Deanery name	Scotland
2.	Type of training post	DCT 1
3.	Rotational Post information	<p>Rotational</p> <p>September 2026 – March 2027 – Chalmers Dental Centre, Edinburgh: Public Dental Services (PDS)</p> <p>March 2027 – September 2027 – Edinburgh Dental Institute (Paediatric Dentistry) (EDI)</p>
4.	Training unit/location/s	This post is based within NHS Lothian. The first six months will be based in Chalmers Dental Centre and Pennywell All Care Centre PDS then six months based at Edinburgh Dental Institute.
5.	Full address of training units where training will take place	<p>September 2026 – March 2027 – Chalmers Dental Centre, 2A Chalmers Street, Edinburgh, EH3 9EW</p> <p>Pennywell All Care Centre, 1 Macmillan Cres, Edinburgh EH4 4WL.</p> <p>Plus other PDS clinics within NHS Lothian</p> <p>March 2027 – September 2027 – Edinburgh Dental Institute, Lauriston Place, Edinburgh EH3 9EN.</p>
6.	Travelling commitment	There will be a requirement to travel within the NHS Lothian Health Board area in order to gain maximum specialty experience.
7.	Educational Supervisor	To be confirmed with the post holder
8.	Description of the training post	In the PDS rotation from September 2026 to March 2027 you will have the opportunity to work in a variety of locations with a range of clinical supervisors where you will provide a range of treatment for PDS patient groups including children and adults with special care needs. This rotation involves travel throughout the Health Board to maximise training opportunity.

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		<p>The Edinburgh Dental Institute based rotation from March 2027 to September 2027 will give the postholder the opportunity to treat patients under local anaesthesia, inhalational sedation and general anaesthesia, with a combination of new patient and treatment sessions. The Paediatric Dental Service runs clinics over several sites and some sessions will take place at other NHS Lothian sites.</p>
9.	Primary Care training element	In this post the DCT1 will work six months in the PDS. You therefore need to be eligible for an NHS List number.
10.	Pattern of working, including any on-call commitment	
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.</p>
12.	Employment information	
13.	Employer (s)	<p>Lead employer: NHS Education for Scotland (NES) Placement board: NHS Lothian</p>
14.	Contact email for applicant queries relating to the post	<p>Please direct your queries to: https://nesdigital.atlassian.net/servicedesk/customer/portal/30</p>
15.	Link to relevant webpages	<p>http://www.nes.scot.nhs.uk/education-and-training/by-discipline/dentistry/dentists/core-training.aspx</p>