

DENTAL CORE TRAINING 2026/27

Scotland – Victoria Hospital, Kirkcaldy – OMFS and Orthodontics

1	HEE team/Deanery name	Scotland
2	Type of training post	DCT2
3	Rotational Post information	N/A
4	Training unit/location/s	Victoria Hospital, Kirkcaldy Queen Margaret Hospital, Dunfermline
5	Full address of training units where training will take place	Victoria Hospital Hayfield Road Kirkcaldy Fife KY2 5AH
6	Travelling commitment	There will be a requirement to travel within the NHS Fife Health board in order to gain maximum specialty experience.
7	Educational Supervisors	To be confirmed with the post holder
8	Description of the training post	<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, with the exclusion of head and neck oncology 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. 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.</p>

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	<p>The Fife Orthodontic Department is a busy unit split between the main base in Victoria Hospital, Kirkcaldy and Queen Margaret Hospital, Dunfermline. It provides a comprehensive orthodontic service, including hypodontia, cleft care, sleep apnoea and working with OMFS in managing orthognathic cases and patients requiring management of ectopic teeth. The team is comprised of 2 consultants, 2 ST4s shared with Edinburgh Dental Institute, 1 Dental Therapist and 2 part time Orthodontic Therapists, with experienced nursing and secretarial support. The post holder will gain experience from attending new and review outpatient clinics, sleep apnoea clinics and multidisciplinary clinics. There will be practical experience in managing orthodontic patients within the department.</p> <p>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>
9. Primary Care training element	N/A
10. Pattern of working, including any on-call commitment	1:4 on-call rota. Includes long day, overnight and weekend on-call
1. 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>

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1. Employment information	
1. Employer (s)	Lead employer: NHS Education for Scotland (NES) Placement board: NHS Fife
1. Contact email for applicant queries relating to the post	Please direct your queries to: https://nesdigital.atlassian.net/servicedesk/customer/portal/30/group/121/create/591
1. Link to relevant webpages	https://eastmidlandsdeanery.nhs.uk/dental/dental-core-training-0

