

DENTAL CORE TRAINING 2026/27

Scotland – Public Dental Service Howden Health Centre and Duncan Street Health Centre then St John's Hospital Oral Maxillfacial Surgery

1.	HEE team/Deanery name	Scotland
2.	Type of training post	DCT 1
3.	Rotational Post information	Rotational September 2026 – March 2027 – Howden Health Centre, Livingston and Duncan Street Health Centre, Edinburgh: Public Dental Services (PDS) March 2027 – September 2027 – St John's Hospital, Livingston: Oral Maxillofacial Surgery
4.	Training unit/location/s	The first six months of this post will be based in Howden Health Centre and Duncan Street Health Centre (PDS) and the following six months in the St Johns Hospital.
5.	Full address of training units where training will take place	September 2026 – March 2027 – Howden Health Centre, Howden Road West, Livingston, EH54 6TP. Duncan Street Health Centre, Duncan Street, EH9 1SR Plus, other PDS clinic within NHS Lothian March 2027 – September 2027– St John's Hospital, Livingston, EH54 6PP
6.	Travelling commitment	There will be a requirement to travel within NHS Lothian Health Board areas in order to obtain a range of 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. You will receive training in Inhalation Sedation. This rotation involves travel throughout the Health Board to maximise training opportunities From March 2027 – September 2027 you will be based at St John's Hospital. This is 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. There is no on-call associated with this post.
	Primary Care training element	In this post the DCT1 will work six months in PDS. You therefore need to be eligible for an NHS List number.

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9.	Pattern of working, including any on-call commitment	The OMFS rotation does not involve an out-of-hours on-call commitment.
10.	Educational programme summary and library facilities	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 be made available to DCTs prior to the Maxfacts course
11.	Employment information	
12.	Employer (s)	Lead employer: NHS Education for Scotland Placement Board: NHS Lothian
13.	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
14.	Link to relevant webpages	https://eastmidlandsdeanery.nhs.uk/dental/dental-core-training-0