

DENTAL CORE TRAINING 2026/27

NHS Scotland

Scotland - Edinburgh Dental Institute - Restorative and Special Care Dentistry

1.	HEE team/Deanery name	Scotland
2.	Type of training post	DCT3
3.	Rotational Post information	Edinburgh Dental Institute (EDI): Restorative and NHS Lothian: Special Care Dentistry
4.	Training unit/location/s	Edinburgh Dental Institute: Restorative Department NHS Lothian PDS clinics: Special Care Dentistry
5.	Full address of training units where training will take place	Edinburgh Dental Institute Level 3, Lauriston Building Lauriston Place Edinburgh EH3 9HA PDS clinics in NHS Lothian
6.	Travelling commitment	There will be a requirement to travel within the board area to obtain a range of experience.
7.	Educational Supervisor	To be confirmed with the post holder
8.	Description of the training post	<p>This post is for one year and is based in the Lothian Public Dental Service and the Edinburgh Dental Institute. Part of the week will be spent in the Restorative Department in EDI and the other part of the week is spent with the Special Care Dentistry Team within the Acute Hospital sites in NHS Lothian.</p> <p>The Special care component of the post gives the opportunity for assessment and treatment of the more medically complex patient, allowing the post holder to gain wide, well supported, experience.</p> <p>In Restorative dentistry, there will be the opportunity to diagnose and treat a wide variety of patients including periodontal, prosthodontic, and endodontic cases.</p> <p>Trainees may get an opportunity to be involved with the education of undergraduate Dental Hygienist-Therapists</p>
9.	Primary Care training element	The Public Dental Service part of this post will be spent in Acute Hospitals in NHS Lothian, rather than Primary Care, however, please note any applicant must be eligible for a provider number
10.	Pattern of working, including any on-call commitment	

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11	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.
12	Employment information	
13	Employer (s)	NHS Lothian
14	Contact email for applicant queries relating to the post	Please contact the Dental Recruitment Team on https://nesdigital.atlassian.net/servicedesk/customer/portal/30/group/121/create/591
15	Link to relevant webpages	https://eastmidlandsdeanery.nhs.uk/dental/dental-core-training-0