

DENTAL CORE TRAINING 2026/27

NHS Scotland

DCT1 Scotland - Public Dental Service Forth Valley then Forth Valley Hospital OMFS & Oral Surgery

1.	Region (Deanery) Name		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NHS Scotland
2.	Title of post Type of Training & duration of post		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DCT1 Scotland - Public Dental Service Forth Valley for 6 month then Forth Valley Hospital OMFS & Oral Surgery for 6 months
3.	Training unit/locations		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This post is based within NHS Forth Valley. Six months will be at Falkirk Community Hospital (FCH) PDS. The following six months will be in NHS Forth Valley at Forth Valley Royal Hospital.
4.	Rotational Post information and Duration		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rotational September 2026 - March 2027 – Base is Falkirk Community Hospital, Falkirk: Public Dental Service (PDS, also referred to as the Community Dental Service). Travel across other sites will be required, and these include Clackmannanshire Community Healthcare Centre and Forth Valley Royal Hospital for theatre sessions. • March 2027 - August 2027 Forth Valley Hospital, Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery (OMFS)
5.	Full address of unit/s where training is based		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NHS Forth Valley Public Dental Service Clinics, Westburn Avenue, Falkirk, FK1 5QE. • Forth Valley Royal Hospital, Stirling Road, Larbert, FK5 4WR
6.	Travel Commitment		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There will be a requirement to travel within the NHS Forth Valley Board in order to obtain a range of experience.
7.	Name of Educational Supervisor, if known		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Will be confirmed with post-holder
8.	Contact details for Educational Supervisor		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Will be confirmed with post-holder
9.	Description of training post		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The DCT1 will undertake a range of PDS duties from September 2026 to March 2027. These duties may include dental inspection of schools, undergraduate outreach clinics, domiciliary care, care of patients who have additional needs or require special care, and paediatric dentistry. There will also be opportunities to receive training in inhalation sedation and there may be opportunities to participate in GA lists.

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- The Forth Valley part of the post will commence in March 2027 to August 2027. Oral & Maxillofacial Surgery is based at Forth Valley Royal Hospital. If you are keen to expand your knowledge of OMFS and develop your skills in minor oral surgery, then NHS Forth Valley provides the perfect opportunity. You will learn in a supportive environment, with experienced and motivated staff. Hands on experience will be gained under LA, GA and IV sedation, with supervision and training from senior staff.
- There are 3 all-day general anaesthetic operating lists each week with a full range of complex dentoalveolar surgery, orthognathic surgery, management of trauma and skin cancer as well as head and neck malignancy and salivary gland surgery.
- There are daily local anaesthetic sessions in addition to 3 IV Sedation lists throughout the week. DCTs who have completed IACSD sedation training will be prioritised to complete their required sedation cases.
- Outpatient clinics run daily, encompassing specialist Head and Neck Oncology, Trauma, Facial Deformity and Orthognathic, and joint Oral Surgery and OMFS/ Orthodontics MDT clinics.
- The DCTs are supported on the ward by medically qualified Foundation Doctors for inpatient management of elective and unscheduled care. There are also 5 Speciality Doctors, 2 Consultants in Oral Surgery and 3 OMFS Consultants in FVRH.
- DCTs take part in a weekly rota which includes attendance at ward rounds and theatre lists as well as supporting outpatient clinics and gaining hands on training with minor oral surgery as above. The DCTs are daytime bleep holder as first on call for emergency cases, averaging one day per week. There is one full session allocated for study/admin, with DCTs encouraged to participate and lead in Quality Improvement work, supported by senior staff. The unit also believes in supporting motivated DCTs in building their CVs for future career pathways, with active encouragement to present at national and international conferences
- There is a bimonthly Clinical Governance Meeting, with DCTs participating in presenting audits/QI projects and interesting cases. Regular teaching sessions take place within the department, which cover OS/OMFS as well as external

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		speakers from other specialties such as pathology, haematology, orthodontics and ophthalmology.	
10.	Suitable for Temporary Registrant?	YES	NO
11.	Primary Care element Performer Number required?	YES	NO
12.	Pattern of working including any on-call commitment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Will be confirmed with post-holder No overnight on call commitment 	
13.	Educational programme summary	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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. The teaching is backed up by on-line resources which will be made available to DCTs prior to the Maxfacts course. 	

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Employment Details	
14.	Employer
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NHS Education for Scotland (NES)
15.	Contact email for applicant queries referring to post
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recruitment Query - HR Trainee Services - Jira Service Management
16.	Link to relevant webpages
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • https://www.nes.scot.nhs.uk/our-work/dental-core-training/