

DENTAL CORE TRAINING 2026/27

NHS Scotland

Scotland - Edinburgh Dental Institute – Oral Surgery with Oral Pathology

1.	HEE team/Deanery name	Scotland
2.	Type of training post	DCT3
3.	Rotational Post information	Edinburgh Dental Institute– Oral Surgery & Royal Infirmary of Edinburgh Pathology Department.
4.	Training unit/location/s	Edinburgh Dental Institute– Oral Surgery Royal Infirmary of Edinburgh Pathology Department.
5.	Full address of training units where training will take place	Edinburgh Dental Institute, Lauriston Place, Edinburgh, EH3 9HA. & Royal Infirmary of Edinburgh Pathology Department, Little France Crescent, EH16 4SA.
6.	Travelling commitment	There will be a requirement to travel within the NHS Lothian Board area in order to obtain a range of experience.
7.	Educational Supervisor	To be confirmed with the post holder
8.	Description of the training post	<p>The post gives the opportunity for assessment and treatment of patients allowing the post holder to gain wide, well supported, experience. Oral Surgery gives the post holder the opportunity to see and treat the full remit of Oral Surgery. There will be opportunity to assess and perform a variety of out-patient surgical procedures, including surgical extractions, third molar surgery, biopsies, and treatment of more complex conditions under local anaesthetic and sedation, well supported by our specialist and consultant Oral Surgeons. The post holder will also have the opportunity to attend Oral Surgery general anaesthetic theatre lists for both adult and paediatrics. A well established governance structure will give opportunity for improvement activity and portfolio development.</p> <p>The Oral Pathology component will consist of 1 day a week working under supervision of a Consultant Oral and Maxillofacial Pathologist at the Edinburgh Royal Infirmary pathology department. The post holder will be able to exploit the links between oral surgery and pathology as they follow patients on their journey. The trainee will gain experience in specimen dissection, microscopic reporting and interpretation of modern diagnostic techniques. The focus will be on enhancing clinical diagnostic skills with additional opportunities for QI/research work within the department.</p>
9.	Primary Care training element	
10.	Pattern of working,	9-5 Mon-Fri only

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	including any on-call commitment	
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