



Dental Schedule Communications

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Welcome to the Schedule Communications where you will find all our latest news and useful information.

Prior Approval physical evidence

If you are submitting physical evidence, such as study casts, to support a prior approval application you must send the physical evidence to us within 7 days of the electronic submission of the prior approval request. This allows us to match up the physical evidence with the electronic submission to be reviewed and will avoid a delay in your prior approval being assessed. Physical evidence should be sent to:

Dental & Ophthalmic
Prior Approval Section
Practitioner Services
1 South Gyle Crescent
Edinburgh
EH12 9EB

Recruitment – Dental Adviser post(s) – Orthodontics

We will shortly be recruiting additional clinical resource in orthodontics and will be advertising for one or more part-time Dental Advisers (orthodontics) on a part-time basis (up to 4 days per week in total). The appointment(s) would be suitable for applicants with significant experience recently gained in orthodontic practice in the General Dental Services, and preferably on the GDC Orthodontic Specialist List. Placement and salary will be determined by qualifications and experience. The post(s) will be advertised in the near future.

In the meantime, if you would like to have an informal discussion about the post(s) please contact our Senior Dental Adviser, Alan Whittet, by email:
alan.whittet@nhs.scot

GP17 PR forms

We have received a small number of queries in relation to GP17 PR forms and hope the following information will assist.

The Scottish Government advised in PCA(D)(2020)9 of the withdrawal of the need for patient signatures on GP17 PR forms, as follows:

'GP17(PR) and GP17(PR)(O) forms, and their electronic equivalent, should be completed by the practice on behalf of the patient, including recording the patient's status and marked "COVID-19" in the signature box. The forms should not be signed by the patient'

Since this will continue to be the case while we are operating under emergency legislation there is currently no requirement for contractors to print and retain unsigned GP17 PR forms – instead, contractors can simply retain electronic copies of the forms.

Remobilisation of the Scottish Dental Reference Service (SDRS)

We are pleased to announce that the SDRS is starting a phased return to business as usual. As part of this process, we are changing some of our methods of communication. We will no longer send letters to you via the postal service but will be using your nhs.scot email address to advise you of patients' appointments and provide you with our feedback once the DRO examination has been completed. This change will allow for secure communications that are hopefully more convenient and reliable. Please ensure you check your nhs.scot email regularly and return all correspondence to SDRS by email only at nss.sdrs@nhs.scot

At this stage, the initial communication with your patients will still be by letter.

October paid November cut-off date:

TBC (please check our [web site](#) as this will be updated shortly)

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Website: nss.nhs.scot/dental-services