

**WESTERN TRUST
(ALTNAGELVIN AREA HOSPITAL)
DCT POST DESCRIPTORS
COMMENCING SEPTEMBER
2024-25/26**



Dear Applicant

Thank you for your interest in the NIMDTA Dental Core Training (DCT) Programme. Please find further information below in relation to this training programme and also links which you may find helpful.

Welcome Evening

NIMDTA host a welcome evening for all Foundation and Core Trainees in August of each year. Further information in relation to this event will be shared on appointment to programme.

Relocation to Northern Ireland

Information on relocation to Northern Ireland can be found at the following link [International Graduates – Northern Ireland Medical & Dental Training Agency \(nimdta.gov.uk\)](https://nimdta.gov.uk) to include information on accommodation in Northern Ireland – [Accommodation – Northern Ireland Medical & Dental Training Agency \(nimdta.gov.uk\)](https://nimdta.gov.uk).

International Medical and Dental Graduates (IMDG)

An IMDG Facebook Page is available with the aim of providing a network of support for Doctors and Dentists who are new to NI. It is monitored and administered by doctors and dentists in training and is available at the following link: [Welcome to Medical & Dental Training in Northern Ireland | Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/Welcome-to-Medical-&-Dental-Training-in-Northern-Ireland/).

Employer

As a Dental Core Trainee your employer will be NIMDTA Single Lead Employer (SLE). Further information on SLE can be found at the following link: [Single Lead Employer – Northern Ireland Medical & Dental Training Agency \(nimdta.gov.uk\)](https://nimdta.gov.uk).

Study Leave Allowance

Dental Core Trainees have a maximum of £1250 of Study Leave funding available during the training year. For further information in relation to Study Leave please visit [Study Leave – Northern Ireland Medical & Dental Training Agency \(nimdta.gov.uk\)](https://nimdta.gov.uk).

Professional Support & Wellbeing (PSW)

Professional Support & Wellbeing (PSW) within NIMDTA is available to all trainees at any time during the training year. PSW aims to provide best practice in supporting and developing postgraduate Doctors and Dentists in training within Northern Ireland. The PSW is separate from regulatory processes such as ARCP panels, GDC or GMC investigations.

NIMDTA Study Day Programme

As a DCT you will receive approximately 10 NIMDTA study days. Study sessions include some hands-on training. These sessions are planned and run by NIMDTA. Mentoring and Research sessions are available during the training year alongside a five-day MFDS Study Aid programme.

Simulation Training

NIMDTA house ten Dental Simulation units available for use during the DCT training year. This highly advanced haptic simulation equipment offers dental training in a Virtual Reality (VR) environment. DCTs can experience procedures on simulated 3D models with highly realistic haptic feedback provided.

DCT Salary

Health and Social Care is a devolved responsibility and as such salaries for health and social care staff in Northern Ireland are set out in Pay Circulars issued by the Department of Health (NI).

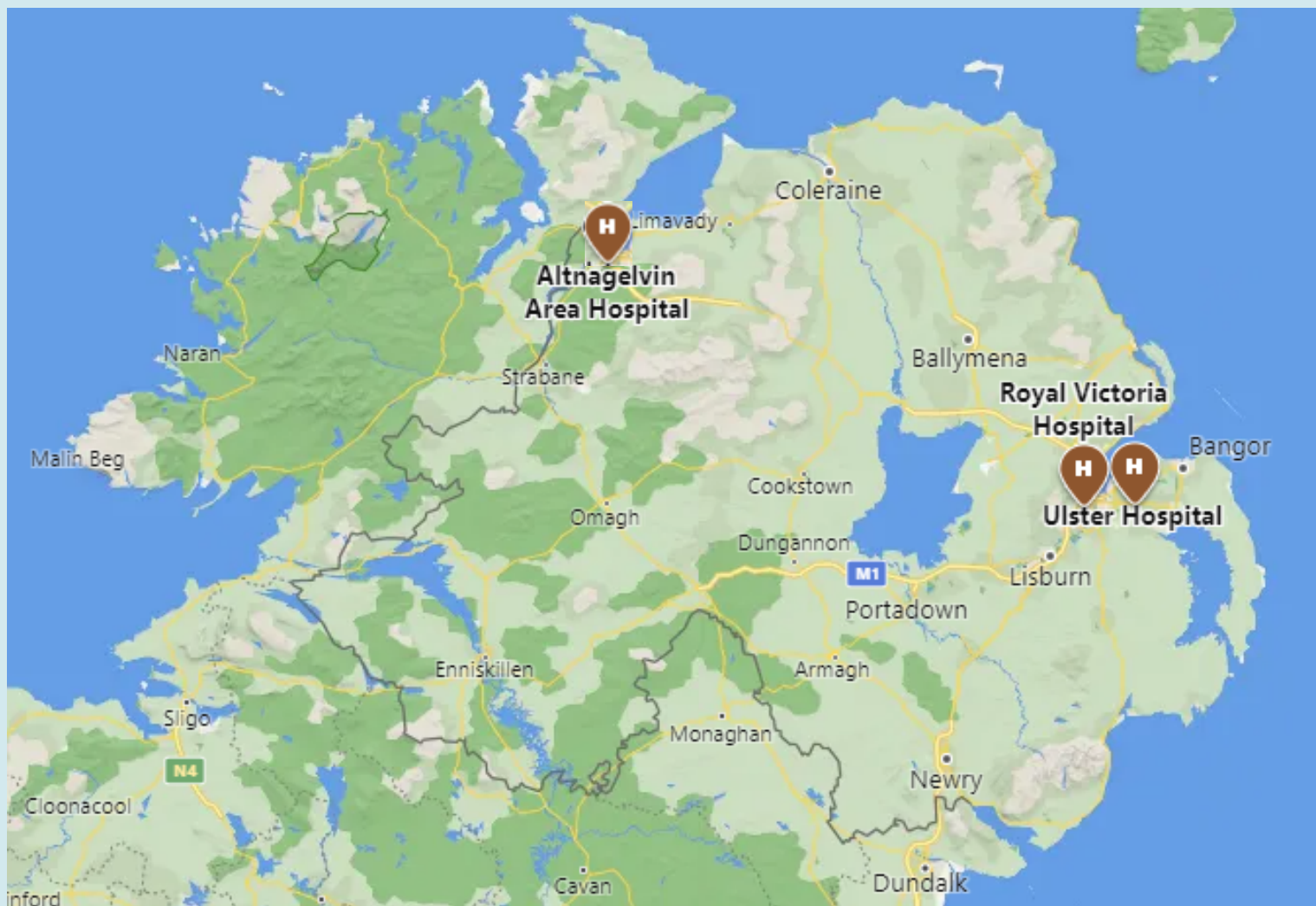
The salary for Dental Core Trainees can be found on the Departmental Circular HSC (TC8) 3/2021 (please note that this pay circular is applicable from 1st April 2021, with the pay award effective from April 2022 still to be applied by the DoH (NI)).

From this pay circular the Pay Scale Code for Dental Core Trainees in Northern Ireland is M230, salary range **£33,133-£37,466**. Actual pay-point on this salary scale for individual DCTs will be advised by the Single Lead Employer Trainee Employment team upon assessment and verification of any creditable previous service.

Placement Locations – Trusts

NIMDTA DCT placements are located in the Ulster Hospital, South Eastern Trust, Altnagelvin Hospital, Western Trust and the School of Dentistry, Royal Hospital, Belfast Trust. Further information in relation to the location of these placements is included within this document and can also be found at [Trusts & Hospitals – Northern Ireland Medical & Dental Training Agency \(nimdta.gov.uk\)](https://nimdta.gov.uk).

Northern Ireland



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Londonderry BT47 6SB

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School of Dentistry

Royal Victoria Hospital
274 Grosvenor Road,
Belfast, BT12 6BA

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Ulster Hospital Dundonald

Upper Newtownards
Road, Belfast BT16
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Note: You will be required to attend peripheral clinics as part of your DCT training year, as such you will need access to a vehicle.

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DCT1 – Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery/Orthodontics (1 post)

The post holder will gain exposure and experience in the delivery of Oral Surgery, Oral Medicine and Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery and Orthodontics. The post holder will attend new, review and treatment clinics in Oral Surgery, Oral Medicine and Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery. They will also attend an orthodontic clinic 1 day /week throughout the year. This equates to 25% of the post. The post holder will attend inpatient and day surgery theatre lists. The post will include exposure to Oral Surgery, Facial Deformity surgery and cutaneous malignant surgery. They will be involved in the ward management of OMFS in-patients as part of a wider team.

There is a 1 in 7 on-call commitment with this post and accommodation is provided. On-call commitment involves covering trauma including dental trauma, uncontrolled bleeding and spreading infection. Encouragement and support will be given to attendance at conferences, engagement with audit/Quality Improvement projects and presentations, publications and career planning. A comprehensive Regional DCT Study Programme runs throughout the year.

The post holder will be expected to travel on a weekly basis to peripheral hospitals including Causeway and Tyrone County Hospitals.

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DCT2 – Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery (1 post)

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DCT1/DCT2 Two-Year Longitudinal DCT1 and DCT2 Combined (1 post)

Year 1 will be based as a DCT1 in Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery in Altnagelvin Area Hospital

Year 2 will be based as a DCT2 in Oral Surgery/Oral Medicine in the School of Dentistry.

As a DCT1, the post holder will gain exposure and experience in the delivery of Oral Surgery, Oral Medicine and Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery and Orthodontics at Altnagelvin Area Hospital.

The post holder will attend new, review and treatment clinics in Oral Surgery, Oral Medicine and Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery. They will also attend inpatient and day surgery theatre lists. The post will include exposure to Oral Surgery, Facial Deformity surgery and cutaneous malignant surgery and Orthodontics.

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As a DCT2, the post holder will be exposed to all aspects of Oral Surgery and Oral Medicine at the School of Dentistry. There will also be opportunities to get involved with teaching of undergraduate dental students. Encouragement and support will be given to attendance at conferences, presentation of audit/research projects, publications and career planning.

The post holder will attend new, review and treatment clinics in Oral Surgery and Oral Medicine. There will also be Oral Surgery inpatient and day surgery theatre lists. There will always be support available from senior staff and supervising Consultants. The post includes 9 am – 5 pm on-call commitment. There is no out of hours on-call commitment with this post.

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