

DFT Newsletter

Winter 2024

Welcome to the Winter 2024

Dental Foundation Training Newsletter

Season's greetings to all our Educational Supervisors and Foundation Dentists. I hope you have a well-earned rest ahead. Our FDs are now one third of the way through their training and I hope they are starting to feel more comfortable in their practices. If not, please discuss any concerns you may have with your Educational Supervisor(s) and Dental Advisers. At this stage the amount of time you need on the e-Portfolio reduces a little but remember to upload your SCRIPT modules and your PSQs and second round of MSFs should be completed soon too.

Best wishes for the coming new year.

Adrian Farquharson

Associate Postgraduate Dental Dean



We are delighted to announce Dr Siobhan Cushley passed her PhD in 'Traditional or Minimal Intervention Endodontics for Managing Carious Teeth with Symptomatic Pulpitis in General Dental Practice' in October 2024.
Well done!



Dental Core Training Recruitment 2025-2026/27

- DCT Oriel advert appears - Tuesday 7 January 2025 - Link: [Oriel](#)
- Applications open - Thursday 9 January 2025 @ 10:00
- Applications close - Thursday 30 January 2025 @ 16:00
- SJT booking window opens - Thursday 20 February 2025 @ 06:00
- SJT Booking window closes - Wednesday 26 February 2025 @ 11:00
- SJT Assessment window - Wednesday 12 March - Wednesday 19 March 2025
- Virtual Interviews - Monday 28 April - Friday 2 May 2025

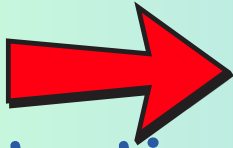


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REMHINDERS



GDC Registration



Please ensure all GDC registration fees have been paid in full by **Friday 27 December 2024**. As soon as you have received your GDC certificate please email a scanned image to: dentalfoundation.nimda@hscni.net. Do not send the original certificate. As previously outlined, failure to pay the annual retention fee on time will mean that you will cease to be able to practice for a period of time and this could lead to you having an extension to your training.

Study Days

Our first study day after Christmas will be held on Tuesday 14 January, details will be emailed to you after Christmas!

IRCP & E-portfolio



The Interim Review of Competence Progression (IRCP) will be held on 4 March 2025. FDs are not required to attend this panel, however e-portfolios should be updated for panel review by 21 February 2025.

APLAN Milestone 2

- Wednesday 8 January 2025 - Submission period opens
- Friday 24 January 2025 - Submission period closes
- Saturday 25 January 2025 - Assessment period opens
- Saturday 8 February 2025 - Assessment period closes
- Tuesday 25 February 2025 - Schemes 2 & 3 FDs to present case
- Wednesday 26 February 2025 - Scheme 1 FDs to present case.

3-Way Meeting

The 3-way meeting with ES, FD and Adviser will be held on 11 March 2025 via MS Teams.



SCRIPT Modules

Please ensure all Foundation Dentists complete 2 SCRIPT modules per month between Nov 2024-March 2025!
Please upload your certificates to e-portfolio



Dental Simulation

I am Hannelie Edgar and I am honoured to be NIMDTA's first Dental Simulation Fellow. This role presents a unique opportunity to collaborate with NIMDTA and Queen's University, Belfast, in advancing dental simulation training across Northern Ireland.

There are some exciting simulation initiatives underway this year. Many of you are familiar with the state-of-the-art simulation suite at NIMDTA, which features 3D virtual reality and haptic feedback technology to help develop clinical skills. We are now expanding the Simodont Programme to cover new areas including periodontal treatment, case-based discussions and situational judgement scenarios, all in line with the DFT curriculum. We are also integrating intraoral scanning technology to create custom clinical cases that allow for more practical, real-world experience.

I hope this gives you a glimpse into the possibilities of simulation beyond traditional phantom head training. If you would like to learn more about my role or these initiatives, please get in touch!



Educational Supervisor Recruitment 2025/2026



Returning Educational Supervisors

- Complete the Returning Educational Supervisor Form
- Complete the Practice Profile/Practice Assessment Form (All forms will be made available on Microsoft Forms)
- 3 Yearly Practice Visit (if required)

Applications Open	Monday 13 January 2025
Applications Close	Monday 17 February 2025
An Introduction to Dental Foundation Training	Monday 27 January 2025
Interview Preparation Course	Tuesday 15 April 2025
ES Interviews	Tuesday 29 April 2025
Scheme Starts	Monday 1 September 2025

Hannah-Rose Glover, FD Representative 2024-25

Hello everyone! 🎄 Just catching up with everyone as now we are 4 months into DFT and everyone seems so be really enjoying it - just looking forward to the Christmas break now! 🎄 We had a great night out to Oktoberfest in October and plan on hopefully having another DFT night out in the new year to get together after the holidays! 🎄 This month I have attended the QUB Dental School Liaison Group meeting in which we met with members of the School of Dentistry, QUB. 🎄



I hope everyone has a lovely relaxing Christmas break and a Happy New Year!! 🎄

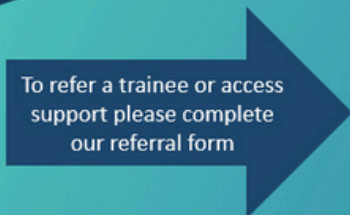


Professional Support & Wellbeing (PSW) provides confidential 1 to 1 support to doctors and dentists in training with a range of circumstances that may develop during their training.

1 to 1 meetings are usually an hour meeting via zoom or in person with a case manager. Case managers will then provide recommendations and referrals based on your situation.

Recommendations include:

- Educational Assessments for Dyslexia
- Coaching
- Mentoring
- Occupational Health Referral
- Wellbeing Resources



To refer a trainee or access support please complete our referral form

Reasons Trainees Seek Support:

- significant life event
- return to training
- exam support
- workplace issues
- considering career change
- involved in an sai training environment
- physical health
- mental health
- interpersonal skills
- burnout
- wellbeing



NIMDTA's Offices will be closed from 24 December - 1 January inclusive and will re-open on 2 January @ 09:00

Merry Christmas & Happy New Year from all the Dental Team!

