



Dental Schedule Communications

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

Access the schedule close dates and prior approval timescales [here](#)

December paid January cut-off date: Monday 6 January at 5pm

Scottish Public Pension Agency (SPPA) Tier Changes

[Dental Practitioner Superannuation Contributions - 2023/24](#)

The SPPA tier changes effective from 1 October 2023 resulting in a midyear change was previously communicated to you. The year-end reconciliation is currently taking place to establish the overpayments or underpayments, and dependent on your year-end earnings you may have moved into a lower or higher tier. A lower tier will result in a refund of the overpaid contributions and a higher tier will result in a residual contribution amount due from you. We will write to advise you of the outcome of the reconciliation and how this impacts you i.e. whether there is no change, an overpayment or an underpayment in contributions made for 2023/24. We will shortly be writing to each of you individually regarding the process of how and when these adjustments will take place.

[Dental Practitioner Superannuation Contributions - 2024/25](#)

The contribution tiers published by SPPA in October 2023 continued into the new financial year. Therefore, since 1 April 2024 these have been applied to your gross earnings and deducted accordingly. SPPA however published further midyear tier changes in October 2024 via this [SPPA circular](#) which means there will be a second year-end reconciliation required in line with the above.

The SPPA changes that were required for the reform in October 2023 and October 2024 to the contribution structure is now complete and any future updates will revert back to the normal 1st April timeline.

Extraordinary CPD Payment

Claims for Extraordinary Dental Reform CPD Allowance will require to be submitted by **08/01/2025**. No further allowance claims will be accepted after this date.

This Allowance was introduced in October 2023, and dentists who have made a successful claim can find the details of their £500 payment on Line 7 of your Schedule with the narrative "Extraordinary CPD Payment".

Discretionary Fee Guide

[PCA\(D\)\(2024\)3](#) advised on the publication of Amendment No. 165 to the SDR, which included an increase in the fee scale for courses of treatment started on or after 1 December 2024.

[The Discretionary Fee Guide](#) has been updated to reflect these new fees and is available to view on our website.

Oral Health Indicators Reports

Where a 1-(a) Extensive Clinical Examination has been carried out for a patient aged 18 years or over, the Scottish Government has requested that we capture the following information:

- Number of teeth present (numeric value);
- Number of teeth requiring restoration or extraction;
- Highest sextant scores with BPE.

This information will be available to both practitioners and their NHS Boards in two new eSchedule reports:

- Oral Health Indicators Details Report
- Oral Health Indicators Summary Report

The Oral Health Indicators Details Report captures this information at claim level and displays the information in alphabetical order by patient surname. The Oral Health Indicators Summary Report provides a summary of the information captured for all claims for an Extensive Clinical Examination (Item 1-(a)). However, it is currently not mandatory to provide this information.

Elements of this data will be automatically derived from Practice Management Systems (PMS). However, the various PMS and PMS versions may define and capture data sets differently. Therefore, the data presented in the reports may not be consistent and/or comparable across different PMS and PMS versions.

The completeness of the data presented in the reports will be dependent on how each PMS supplier has implemented this change, i.e. if the data fields are mandatory when dentists are making a claim. Please note that data from claims submitted on or after 1 August 2024 for the July paid August payment schedule is not currently available.

These two reports will be accessible from the Dental Dashboard (PSD eSchedules) and from the NHS Board Dashboard (PSD Schedules – Clinical Directors).

Request for practice or practice manager email addresses

We are collating a list of practice and/or practice manager email addresses for any important or urgent updates pertaining to your practice.

We would like your help in providing us with your practice email, or your practice manager's email. You can do this by emailing us this information at nss.psddental@nhs.scot. This does not have to be an NHS email address, just an email address of an account that is regularly accessed.

Please include the location number and/or the full name of the practice and the address when emailing us.

Thank you to everyone who has already provided this information.

Helpdesk Festive opening hours

Date	Helpdesk opening times
Monday 23 December 2024	8.30am – 4.30pm
Tuesday 24 December 2024	8.30am – 4.30pm
Wednesday 25 December 2024	Closed
Thursday 26 December 2024	Closed
Friday 27 December 2024	8.30am – 4.00pm
Monday 30 December 2024	8.30am – 4.30pm
Tuesday 31 December 2024	8.30am – 4.30pm
Wednesday 1 January 2025	Closed
Thursday 2 January 2025	Closed
Friday 3 January 2025	8.30am – 4.00pm



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