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WELCOME

Welcome to the July edition of the East Midlands Local Dental Network newsletter!
As we move through the summer months, we hope you're finding time to take a well-earned break, enjoy the brighter days, and recharge. Whether it's a holiday away or simply a few slower afternoons in the sunshine, rest is just as vital as staying informed.

This month, we bring you the latest updates Primary Care in dentistry as well as upcoming job opportunities and training opportunities.

Wishing you a wonderful summer break

East Midlands Local Dental Network Chairs

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MIDLANDS LEADERSHIP FELLOW RECRUITMENT FOR 2025

NHS England Workforce, Training & Education in the Midlands are pleased to announce that we have opened recruitment for our Leadership Fellow Scheme starting in September 2025.

The posts are open to all dental registrants working in the region.

During the 11 month post you will be employed or seconded to work within WT&E for 2 days a week working on projects relating to dentistry both regionally and nationally. Previous projects have included developing a work experience in primary dental care programme, promoting dental careers to school leavers, exploring skill mix, creating study groups to name just a few.

For more information about the role please see this candidate pack which is available on our website.

For how to apply see this guidance document.

Applications close on 13th August 23.59.
If you have any questions about the role please email england.dentalfellow.midlands@nhs.net

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UPCOMING TRAINING COURSES

Over the next few months there are a wide variety of courses taking place: (click on the link to take you to accent for booking)
Hands on management of paediatric trauma

Practical guide to treating patients with tooth wear

Also available are new dates for our popular Dental Technicians and Orthodontic Therapist study days. Visit the Overview of all courses area for details.
Don't forget we also have instant access training on there including:

Providing care of disadvantaged groups and trauma informed care

Communication Training

GET INVOLVED

Are you a dentist or dental care professional working in a general dental practice?

The DELIVER online platform has been developed as a tool to help dental teams to collect patient feedback. It allows dental teams to

- **• Collect and collate feedback from your patients in a visual dashboard**
- **• Track Patient Reported Experience and Outcome Measures over time**
- **• Plan Quality Improvement strategies using an Action Implementation Toolbox**

The team at the University of Manchester is interested in understanding how acceptable and usable this system is, and we would like you to help us. If you are not already a user of the DELIVER online platform, we would require you to create an account for the DELIVER online platform

During our evaluation of the DELIVER online platform we will conduct 2 optional questionnaires and an optional interview with participants. If you choose to take part in the evaluation activities this would involve:

1. **Completing an optional questionnaire before use of the platform (10 minutes);**
2. **Completing an optional questionnaire following your use of the platform (20 minutes)**
3. **Taking part in an optional interview about your experiences of using the dashboard, your perceptions of its utility as a quality improvement tool and your perceptions of how usable this was. (60 minutes).**

If you choose to take part in the optional interviews you will be reimbursed or offered a token of appreciation for your time.
If you have any queries about the study or if you are interested in taking part, then please feel free to contact:

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Your East Midlands Managed Clinical Network Updates

PAEDIATRIC DENTISTRY MCN UPDATE HELEN SANDERS

The next meeting is on the 8th Sept at 7pm

Contact Helen Sanders: helensanders1@nhs.net
if you would like to be added to the distribution list.

Consultation on NHS dental contract changes

A consultation on proposed changes to the NHS dental contract is open.
The NHS dental contract quality and payment reforms 2026 represent a significant and essential step on the journey to improve access to and quality of NHS dentistry.

The proposed changes aim to improve access for those requiring urgent care, enhance treatment pathways for complex cases, and deliver better preventative care for children.
The consultation will close at 11.59pm on 19 August 2025. Staff working in NHS dentistry, commissioners, patients and organisations with experience in the dental sector are encouraged to submit feedback.

A recording and slides from the 15 July 2025 webinar are now available.

Dental workforce survey results published

The findings of the dental workforce survey have been published.
The collection of data was carried out between January and April 2025 and reports the position as at the end of December 2024. The results aim to help understand the facilities available for the provision of NHS dental care in England and the numbers of staff across a range of professions. It also aims to illustrate providers' experience in staff recruitment and retention, as well as instances of long-term absences.

The results show a slight increase in the percentage of time dentist chairs have been used for NHS activity nationally compared to March 24. Dentist vacancies have fallen from 3,160 FTE to 2,744 FTE, of which 2,516 are NHS FTE (a two per cent drop).

Resources available to support dental check-up recall intervals and skill mix

Materials to help dental teams explain check-up recall intervals to patients and the different dental professionals they could be seen by are available to download from the Campaigns Resource Centre.

NICE guidelines set out how patients should be seen for an oral check-up depending on their risk. This could be up to two years for patients with a low risk of dental disease. NHS guidance on supporting the use of skill mix in NHS general dental practice enables dental practices the chance to utilise the expertise of dental therapists and hygienists and give more patients the opportunity to see a dental professional.

Digital vision for antimicrobial stewardship

Tackling the challenge of antimicrobial resistance (AMR) needs a coordinated approach across healthcare settings. Understanding the role of digital systems in healthcare professional-patient interactions where antimicrobials are prescribed – and how digital systems can support good practice – is critical to success. Developed in consultation with clinical staff, this new guidanceoutlines how users and commissioners of clinical digital systems can support optimal antimicrobial stewardship (AMS) within their organisations.

This document should be read alongside the Digital framework for antimicrobial stewardship, 'what good looks like', which sets out an organisational and system approach to ensuring good digital functionality for antimicrobial stewardship.

Learn from patient safety events (LFPSE) service – easy set-up option

The Learn from patient safety events (LFPSE) service makes it possible for staff across all healthcare settings to record safety events on the national system. Recording at a national level highlights any new patient safety themes, identifies under-recognised patient safety issues in primary care, and can lead to actions to prevent future harm to patients.

Organisations without a local risk management system – typically primary care providers, such as GP, dental and optometry practices and community pharmacies – are asked to record patient safety events directly onto LFPSE by registering for an account and using the online Learn From Patient Safety Events service.

In 2025/26 GP practices will be required to have regard to the Primary care patient safety strategy and also register for and maintain an administrator account with the LFPSE service.
The LFPSE online service – introductory guide has been updated to help users get set up on LFPSE.
To invite a list of staff to access LFPSE, please send their email addresses to the patient safety helpdesk.

TRAINING COURSES

Dental DWD 2025-2026 BDH210 Orthodontic Therapist Hands-On Study Day
TBC - expressions of interest please contact jo.dalby@nhs.net

Aims: This study session will enable GDC registered, qualified Orthodontic Therapists to update and refresh their knowledge, understanding and application of Orthodontic Therapy skills related to their clinical role amongst peers.

Course Objectives
During the session the course provider will:

- **Refresh and update knowledge and skills in carrying out IOTN**
- **Demonstrate the use of different orthodontic bracket systems specific to the treatment of both simple and complex malocclusions.**
- **Give delegates the opportunity to develop their clinical skills in different bonding techniques with particular focus on indirect bonding, and various methods of ligation.**
- **Demonstrate and develop understanding of different approaches in treating malocclusions.**
- **Discuss and reflect on the role of the OT within the growing complexities of patient management relating particularly to supporting patients with behavioural and developmental disabilities.**
- **Lead peer discussion of cases and peer presentations.**

Learning outcomes:
After this course delegates will be able to apply an up to date, working knowledge of understanding and skills to their individual clinical roles, whilst in turn developing peer group support and strengthening professional attitudes.

GDC Development Outcomes: C, D
Venue: Birmingham Dental Hospital and School of Dentistry, 5 Mill Pool Lane, Edgbaston, Birmingham B5 7EG
Speakers: Eleanor Maynard & Daisy Dakin, Orthodontic Therapists and Tutors at Orthodontic Team Training
Target Audience: Orthodontic Therapists
Course Fee: £30



Extra Urgent Dental Appointments Now Available in Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland (LLR)

The NHS in LLR has announced that additional urgent dental appointments are now available across the county for those in need of prompt, non-life-threatening dental care.

Patients with a regular NHS dentist should contact their practice directly. If you do not have a dentist, contact NHS 111. They will assess your problem and can direct you to services offering urgent dental care in your area.
Alternatively, you can contact the practices offering urgent dental care directly.

Practices Offering Extra Urgent Appointments

You do not need to be a regular patient of these practices but you must phone ahead before attending.

Dental Practice	*Telephone Number*	*Urgent Appointment Times*
MM Dental Care – Leicester	*0116 276 7760*	*Mon-Tue:2pm–5pm*
Home Farm Dental Practice – Leicester	*0116 234 0499*	*Mon-Fri: 9am–12:30pm*
The Dental Wellness Centre – Leicester	*0116 255 3312 / 0116 2541546*	*Mon-Fri: 4:30pm-7.30pm* *Sat-Sun/Bank Hols: 8am–11:30am*
Vadher Dental – Coalville	*0153 081 2838*	*Mon–Fri: 5pm–8.30pm* *Sat-Sun: 12pm – 3.30pm*
Blaby Dental Practice – Blaby	*0116 277 1654*	*Mon-Fri: 9am-12.30pm, 2pm - 5.30pm*

Please note that some dental problems may require multiple visits to resolve the issue and normal NHS dental charges will apply.