



Updated COPDEND statement to accompany 2022 dental specialty job descriptions available via National Recruitment

COPDEND has been informed by the GDC that the approval process of the Dental Specialty curricula has been delayed. Postgraduate Deans have been working closely with their training faculties to ensure, where relevant, that non-research elements of training are available for specialty trainees, outside a formalised university 'taught clinical' programme.

For applicants to Orthodontic specialty training the HEE Regional Office, National Education Scotland or Health Education and Improvement Wales will provide a list of available Masters level courses for 2022 applicants for the posts they have advertised. COPDEND wishes to advise 2022 appointed specialty trainees that they do not need to enrol on a formalised 'taught clinical' university programmes in order to evidence the curriculum; accepting that until the new curricula have been finalised, there will be a requirement for specialty trainees in Orthodontics to satisfy the curriculum by "submission of a research dissertation (for example as part of an MSc, MClinDent, DDS or equivalent), and/or two papers in appropriately peer reviewed journals submitted on work undertaken during the training period". Trainees will not be discouraged if they wish to enrol on a formalised Masters course with agreement of their relevant postgraduate dental dean.

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