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**Executive Summary: VISIT TO THE DENTAL VOCATIONAL TRAINING SCHEME AND THE DENTAL MULTI-PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION TEAM AT THE IPSWICH HOSPITAL NHS TRUST ON 3 DECEMBER 2010**

**BACKGROUND**

- The GMC/PMETB does not include dentistry in their remit.
- Dentistry has a mandatory Dental Foundation Year 1 (Dental Vocational Training) administered through the Trust Postgraduate Centre.
- The Deanery is responsible for ensuring the quality management of the training process for dental training grades.
- The Dental Tutor based in Trust Postgraduate Centre manages a programme of dental multi-professional education (DMPE) available to all dental professionals which encourages team working.
- The Deanery visit will provide one arm in the quality management of this DMPE programme.

**MAIN FINDINGS**

- Good organisation at the Postgraduate Centre: Administration, teamwork and communication at all levels was first class.
- Excellent education facilities to cater for wide range of teaching methods.

**Dental Vocational Training (Foundation Year 1)**

- Scheme Adviser has very good understanding for need of compliance with standards, guidelines and processes as well as the need to engage with trainees.
- Good liaison between Scheme Adviser, Trainers and Administrative staff.
- Scheme is supportive of trainees at all levels.
- Trainees have concerns over timing of Keyskills component of programme.

**DMPE (formerly Continuing Professional Development)**

- Benefits from the good organisation at the Postgraduate Centre.
- The dental skills room is a major asset within the Trust.
- Adopted the new Intrepid course management system extremely well.

## **RECOMMENDATIONS**

### **Dental Vocational Training Scheme**

- Review of the timing of the MJDF Key skills within the VT programme.
- Closer discussion between the Trust's finance department and the Postgraduate Centre to better understand the DVT and DMPE Deanery funding.

### **Dental Multi-Professional Education**

- The Trust to investigate how an online payment for DMPE courses run through the Postgraduate Centre could be implemented.
- The Trust to ensure that any development of the new Educational Centre encompasses a dental skills room of equal quality and facilities to the current, which would also be further improved by the inclusion of a dental chair.
- The Trust to liaise closely with its Postgraduate Centre regarding the plans for the development of the new Education Centre to ensure that the above action is followed through.