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**Executive Summary: School of Dentistry routine monitoring visit on Friday 09 November 2012 to the East and North Hertfordshire NHS Trust (Queen Elizabeth II Hospital, Welwyn) regarding DF1/VT, DF2/SHO and Multi-Professional Dental Education.**

**BACKGROUND**

- Quality assurance of dental training is under the auspices of the GDC and not the GMC.
- The Deanery is responsible for ensuring the quality management of the training process for dental training grades.
- OMFS consultant surgeons are both dentally and medically qualified and their departments maintain the training for FD2/SHO grades.
- Dentistry has a mandatory Dental Foundation Year 1 (Dental Vocational Training) administered through the Trust Postgraduate Centre.
- The Deanery is inspecting the training in the OMFS unit provided to junior staff and specifically in relation to the recently implemented Dental Foundation Programme (DF2).
- The Deanery also inspects the management of the dental multi-professional education courses commissioned by the Trust Postgraduate Centre.

**MAIN FINDINGS****Good Practice****DF1**

- Very good support for Trainers and Trainees. Support comes from the Adviser, Trainers, the P/G Centre and the dental teams in the practices.
- Motivation, commitment and enthusiasm from the Adviser, Trainers and Trainees were excellent.
- Appropriate standards are being set and met from all parties.
- Consultation up and the down the layers of the whole scheme was palpably visible.

**DF2**

- Good clinical supervision at Welwyn.
- Supportive of the trainees study and educational needs.

**DENTAL MULTI-PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION**

- Effective use of their local dental education committee involving a wide range of appropriate stakeholders to assist in curriculum development.
- Ability to change and evolve curriculum to suit local and national developments.

- Use of innovative session timings to suit local learning needs

### **Areas for Development**

#### **DF1**

- Ensure transfer of dental facilities to the new site continues to support DF1 training for the future

#### **DF2**

- Review of supervision and booking of clinics at Lister
- Assessment of trainees surgical skills at induction requires improvement
- Day case GA numbers have increased per list to the detriment of training
- Underutilisation of local anaesthetic clinics at Lister and Welwyn due to change in booking system
- Where possible to ensure that there is a sufficient range of surgical skills available to meet the aspirations of trainees

### **DENTAL MULTI-PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION**

- Ensure the Skills room at the next site meets the requirements of the DMPE programme
- Communication and meetings between dental tutor and administrator held on an 'as needed' basis
- Lack of speaker agreements
- Lack of accurate finance and other details uploaded to the CMS
- Lack of online payment system for learners

### **Recommendations**

#### **DF1**

1. Clear delineation of space for dental clinical skills room for multi-professional dental learning in the new education centre.

#### **DF2**

1. Trust to clarify supervision issues at the Lister and if unable to ensure supervision the current practice should be stopped .
2. All new trainees should have their surgical skills assessed before any type of independent practice.
3. Monitor the balance between service delivery and training.
4. Trust to clarify and rectify.
5. Communicate with the trainees and educational supervisors to individualise training experience.

### **DENTAL MULTI-PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION**

1. Involve the dental tutor and local dental education committee in design of new facilities.
2. More formalised communication and meetings between dental tutor and administrator to aid new administrator induction.

3. Use Deanery template speaker agreement.
4. Ensure all details are accurately entered onto the system in a timely fashion.
5. Postgraduate centre to work with the Trust to develop an online payment system.

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