

Person Specification for Health Education England – Midlands and East Dental Foundation Therapist Training Educational 2022-23 – Updated December 2021

ESSENTIAL

PERSONAL SITUATION

TOPIC

A dentist who practices in primary dental care within the NHS with a minimum annual commitment of 1,000 UDAs or £25,000 NHS gross practice earnings during the NHS year of appointment and at all times whilst training
(Commitment shared evenly for Joint Educational Supervisors)

EVIDENCED BY

Contract, practice agreements and NHS schedules and reports

A dentist who will be present in the practice for at least three days coincident with the Foundation Therapists

Practice timetables and agreements

A person who as a performer can demonstrate relevant involvement and influence in the running of the practice and policy

Practice contracts and agreements

Who is available and accessible to patients through an efficient appointments system and other methods of access

Practice agreements, appointment books and timetables.

A dentist who is in a stable relationship with his or her practice

Practice records and agreements

A dentist who demonstrates probity and has declared any complaints or ongoing investigations against them (regardless of the severity or nature of the complaint) and is not under sanction from the GDC, any NHS body or a professional indemnifier

Checks with GDC, NHS England Local Area Team, etc

DESIRABLE

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A performer with managerial responsibility	Practice contracts and agreements. Achieved recognised practice quality award. e.g. BDA Good Practice Scheme
Proven record of availability	Clinical Governance records Feedback from TPDs

EXPERIENCE

TOPIC

A dentist who has had significant experience in primary dental care as an NHS performer (or equivalent), (typically four years of full time experience at initial appointment)

EVIDENCED BY

Records of past employment

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A dentist with high clinical standards

Qualifications, References, audits, clinical patient records, radiographs, reports, interview.

High clinical standards in relation to Foundation Training

Postgraduate Clinical Qualification(s)
Practice records
Feedback from Foundation Dentists and TPDs
Evidence from study sessions
Examples of situations in Dental Foundation Training where high ethical judgement has been demonstrated

A dentist with high ethical standards

Qualifications, audits, clinical patient records, radiographs, reports, interview.

Has demonstrated high ethical standards in Dental Foundation Training

A dentist who understands the legal framework of General Dental Practice

Qualifications, personal records, practice documentation.

A dentist who provides a wide range of treatment within the NHS

Clinical records, appointment book, practice contract and agreement.

A dentist with knowledge of the aims and objectives of Foundation Training and practice education

Prior experience as a Trainer as evidenced by records or attendance at a suitable course, eg: HEE-M&E Introduction to Foundation Training course

SKILLS

TOPIC

A dentist with who provides a wide range of treatment to a wide range of patient groups

EVIDENCED BY

Clinical records, appointment book, practice contract and agreement.

A dentist who is able to cope with change, who is flexible and can handle uncertainty

Examples of past experiences
Ability to accommodate TPD visit.

A dentist who is enthusiastic about their profession

Records of patient questionnaires
References and interview
Records of past employment and performance.

A dentist who works as part of a team within a well-run practice

Practice meeting records. Examples of past experience. Interview. References.

A dentist who has undertaken interview, appointment skills and diversity training.

Evidence of completion of suitable courses (including on-line courses) within last three years.

TOPIC

An established member or owner of a well-organised practice, including a structured training programme for staff

EVIDENCED BY

Practice meeting records. Examples of past experience

A dentist who is willing to re-organise their own daily routine and those of the practice to take account of the presence of a Foundation Therapist

Evidence of planning for Training year
Past history of Dental Foundation (Vocational) Training. Interview.

A dentist who is able to communicate effectively with patients and other team members

Patient satisfaction questionnaires. clinical records, references. Practice meeting records.

EDUCATION and QUALIFICATIONS

TOPIC

A dentist who can prove an effective commitment to postgraduate education and training by certificates or other records of attendances at postgraduate courses in the four year period before application

A dentist with commitment to continuing professional development and lifelong learning

A dentist who demonstrates understanding of the Principles of Clinical Governance in General Dental Practice

A dentist with knowledge of the Principles of Risk Management in General Dental Practice

A dentist with knowledge of the learning process and modern teaching methods

A dentist who can show an understanding of experiential learning in Foundation Training

EVIDENCED BY

Lists and certificates of courses attended

Evidence of educational planning. Previous DFT Trainer/ES experience
Membership of professional associations
Practice meetings records

Practice records
Educational course attendance records

Practice records
Educational course attendance records

Evidence of past teaching experiences

Evidence from Foundation Dentist and TPD feedback
Interview

TOPIC

Who can prove a commitment to postgraduate education and training by possession of PG Cert Ed or other educational or suitable managerial qualification

In possession of a current Professional development Portfolio and evidence of its application

Evidence of clinical governance application

Evidence of risk management application
Including:
Practice Complaints
Procedure, Adverse Events
Monitoring, Risk Assessment
Programme

Record of good teaching and use of modern teaching and assessment tools

Can show evidence of experiential learning in Dental Foundation Training

EVIDENCED BY

Qualification Certificates

Educational Records and certificates. Portfolio.

Practice records

Practice records

Evidence from Foundation Dentist and TPD feedback.
Achieving or undertaking
Postgraduate Education qualifications.
Evidence from Foundation Dentist feedback and TPD feedback

FOUNDATION (VOCATIONAL) TRAINING EXPERIENCE

TOPIC	EVIDENCED BY	TOPIC	EVIDENCED BY
A dentist with knowledge of the function of Foundation Training	Previous successful experience as a Trainer/ES as evidenced by HEE-M&E records or attendance at a suitable course.	Successful completion of a minimum of one year as a Dental Foundation (VT) Trainer /ES, but normally two years.	HEE-EoE Records Feedback records from TPD and Foundation Dentist

VALUES

TOPIC	EVIDENCED BY	TOPIC	EVIDENCED BY
A dentist who can demonstrate that Dental Foundation Training is an undertaking of value and growth in human terms rather than in practice financial and management terms	Interview, Practice records, References		
A dentist who has an understanding of the importance of good role models, and learning from example	Interview Practice records References	Who is interested in adding knowledge to practice or shows a commitment to Continuing Professional Development of themselves and their teams.	Successful presentation to courses. Past training record from feedback of TPDs
A dentist who can demonstrate a working knowledge of, and in their working environment an application of, the values of the NHS Constitution.	Interview, Practice records, References		
A dentist who is able to cope with change, who is flexible and can handle uncertainty.	Practice Records, Interview.	Can demonstrate successful outcomes for difficult situations.	Feedback from TPDs.

ASSESSMENT SKILLS

TOPIC	EVIDENCED BY	TOPIC	EVIDENCED BY
A dentist with an understanding of the need for assessment as part of a good learning process.	Interview. Practice records. References. Or Attendance at a suitable course,		

TEAM PLAYER

TOPIC	EVIDENCED BY	TOPIC	EVIDENCED BY
A dentist who works as part of a team within a well-run practice	Practice records. Interview.	Who can demonstrate involvement in staff training and development with the necessary teaching skills	Practice records. Interview Feedback from TPDs

REQUIREMENTS FOR FIVE YEAR APPOINTMENT

TOPIC	EVIDENCED BY	TOPIC	EVIDENCED BY
Past record as a successful Dental Foundation (VT) Trainer/ ES with a well-documented and completed portfolio.	Feedback from TPD Records of attendance at Courses on Assessment.	Past record as an excellent Dental Foundation (VT) Trainer/ ES with a well-documented and completed portfolio, and proven ability to cope with most educational challenges.	Feedback from TPD Records of attendance at Courses on Assessment.