

Practice Specification for Health Education England – East of England Dental Foundation Therapist Training Practices 2023-24 – Updated November 2022

TWO Foundation Therapists - ONE Foundation Therapist in practice at a time

SURGERIES

Registered with Care Quality Commission and with all CQC markers identified as 'good'

A surgery to be available for Monday to Thursday (8 hours per day) each week.

Surgery size at least 9 sq metres

Equipment to be suitable for seated close support dentistry

Equipment standard to be good, with high standards of maintenance.

Full range of instrumentation and materials available for wide range of treatment (see application form and information booklet for itemised lists)
Practice compliance with 'Essential Quality Requirements' of Health Technical Memorandum 01-05 (HTM 01-05)

STAFFING

Experienced, registered, trained nursing staff involved in education and learning to be available for the Foundation Therapist at all times

Good, capable and efficient reception and management staffing with evidence of involvement in Foundation Dentist or Therapist education and learning

Sufficient staffing levels throughout the practice to allow for flexibility in cases of illness or holiday

TWO Foundation Therapists - TWO Foundation Therapists in practice at same time (Two ESs)

Registered with Care Quality Commission and with all CQC markers identified as 'good'

Two surgeries to be available for a total of 4 surgery days (8 hours per day) each week during Monday to Thursday.
Each surgery size at least 9 sq metres, one of the surgeries at least 12 sq metres

Equipment to be suitable for seated close support dentistry

Equipment standard to be good, with high standards of maintenance

Full range of instrumentation and materials available for wide range of treatment
Practice compliance with 'Essential Quality Requirements' of Health Technical Memorandum 01-05 (HTM 01-05)

Experienced, registered, trained nursing staff to be available for the Foundation Therapists at all times. All staff throughout the practice to have evidence of good involvement in Foundation Dentist or Therapist education and learning

Good, capable and efficient reception and management staffing, with evidence of high levels of involvement in Foundation Dentist or Therapist education and learning

Sufficient staffing levels throughout the practice to allow for flexibility in cases of illness or holiday

Presence of ES and/or other clinicians with evidence of suitable involvement and experience in Dental Foundation (Vocational) Training and learning, in practice at all times for support of Foundation Therapists

Evidence of regular staff meetings, with records and outcomes for action

Appraisal system in practice / Staff records

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NHS CONTRACT

Evidence of NHS contract within practice covering all Mandatory Services

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PATIENTS

Evidence of sufficient patients available for two Foundation Therapists at the start of the training year

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Evidence of good supply of new patients for two Foundation Therapists

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Evidence of varied and wide range of treatment needs for patients

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EDUCATIONAL FACILITIES

Practice library of books, journals and CD ROMs

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Space to allow uninterrupted tutorial teaching with sufficient educational aids

Space to allow uninterrupted tutorial teaching for three people with sufficient educational aids

Broadband internet connection available in surgery for use by Educational Supervisor and Foundation Dentist with Wi-Fi access, and a computer or tablet with MS Teams including webcam, speakers, and microphone

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CLINICAL RECORDS

Evidence of good clear clinical records for all patients

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Evidence of Medical History recording for current clinical records

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Evidence of good quality radiographs, well stored in easily accessible manner with full documentation

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AUDITS

Evidence of all audits required by legislation and regulation

Evidence of team involvement in use of audits within the practice

Evidence of audits covering many aspects of practice activity

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ENVIRONMENT

Evidence of a welcoming, safe practice environment

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