

# General Dental Services – Monthly News Sheet

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## **DHSSPS NI Endorsement of Scottish Dental Clinical Effectiveness Programme (SDCEP) Guidance ‘Drug Prescribing For Dentistry’ 3rd Edition 2016**

<https://www.health-ni.gov.uk/publications/endorsement-sdcep-drug-prescribing-dentistry-dental-clinical-guidance-3rd-edition>

A joint letter has been issued by Dr Mark Timoney, Chief Pharmaceutical Officer, and Simon Reid, Chief Dental Officer, which provides information on the background to SDCEP guidance, the endorsement process, how to access the guidance document and the associated App, and the opportunity for future collaboration with SDCEP. The letter also highlights the related, and increasingly significant, risk that Antimicrobial Resistance presents; the importance of good Antimicrobial Stewardship; and the valuable role that dentists can play.

The SDCEP prescribing guidance should be used in conjunction with other existing guidance i.e. the British National Formulary, the British National Formulary for Children, and our own regional Northern Ireland Formulary.

## **BSO Claim Deadlines & Payment Dates 2016**

For dates relating to Paper claims, EDI claims, Portal eclaims & BACS payments please see:

<http://www.hscbusiness.hscni.net/services/2373.htm>

## **Guidance on Conscious Sedation in Dentistry and the matter of the Intercollegiate Advisory Committee for Sedation in Dentistry (IACSD) Report**

The IACSD report, published in April 2015, and entitled ‘Standards for Conscious Sedation in the Provision of Dental Care’ included the Committee’s assertion that it became a national (UK) standard and replaced extant guidance.

A joint letter from the 4 UK CDOs has been sent out to dentists UK-wide and the article on the DHSSPS website clarifies the extant guidance that still applies here, and that nothing has changed.

<https://www.health-ni.gov.uk/publications/standards-conscious-sedation-provision-dental-care-report>

## **Updated Restorative Dentistry Referral Criteria, Referral Proforma (March 2016) and Periodontal Referral Proforma (March 2016)**

These updated documents are available on the BSO website at the following link: <http://www.hscbusiness.hscni.net/services/2470.htm>

The **Belfast Trust Dental Service** webpage also includes the updated guidelines. <http://www.belfasttrust.hscni.net/services/DentalServices.htm>

To refer patients the specific referral pro formas must be completed for Periodontics or Conservation (Cons/Prosthetics/Endodontics). From 1 July 2016 only referrals made on the appropriate referral pro forma will be accepted.

Community Dental Services will be accepting referrals from General Dental Practitioners via the Call Management Centre from Tuesday 24 May 2016. For the South and East Belfast areas referrals are made to 028 90565565. For the North and West Belfast areas referrals are made to 028 90635300. From the 1 July 2016 only referrals made via Call Management Centre will be accepted.

The Belfast Trust Dental Service page includes an information leaflet for patients attending the Restorative Dentistry Department or Oral Medicine / Oral Surgery Department for their first dental assessment which summarises what they can expect from this visit.

## **Secure Disposal of Health Service Prescriptions HS21 D**

Dentists should dispose of obsolete prescriptions securely, particularly on leaving a practice. For the appropriate process and other possible scenarios see: [Process for disposal of Health Service prescriptions HS 21D April 2016](#)

## **Circular HSC (SQSD) (NICE NG13) 32/16 - Workplace health: management practices**

Practitioners should consider the advice contained within the above DHSSPS circular which contains NICE guidance on how to improve the health and wellbeing of employees, with a focus on organizational culture and the role of line managers. [http://www.hscbusiness.hscni.net/pdf/HSC\\_SQSD\\_NICE\\_NG13\\_32\\_16\\_-\\_Workplace\\_health\\_management.pdf](http://www.hscbusiness.hscni.net/pdf/HSC_SQSD_NICE_NG13_32_16_-_Workplace_health_management.pdf)

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