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Dear Colleague

IMPLEMENTING REFORMS TO SPECIALIST DENTAL TRAINING

Summary

1. On 7 October 1997 I announced the commissioning date for the specialties of Restorative Dentistry and Dental Public Health which rolled out on 1 October 1997.

Action

2. I am now writing to notify the service of the commissioning dates for the following specialties: Oral Surgery, Surgical Dentistry, Endodontics, Periodontics, Prosthodontics, Orthodontics and Paediatric Dentistry (see Appendix A).

3. I should be grateful if this information is disseminated widely and brought to the attention of all those who need to be involved to ensure that they can implement the changes.

Yours sincerely

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IMPLEMENTATION OF CALMAN: ROLL OUT PROGRAMME FOR DENTAL SPECIALTIES**Timetable**

1. Dental specialty commissioning dates are as follows:

1 June 1998

Oral surgery
Surgical Dentistry
Endodontics
Periodontics
Prosthodontics

1 July 1998

Orthodontics
Paediatric Dentistry

Action Points

2. No new appointments to the registrar or senior registrar grades in these specialties should be made after the specialty commissioning date. All higher specialist training appointments advertised in these specialties will be for placements in Specialist Registrar (SpR) training programmes.
3. Employers should follow the guidance outlined in MEL (1997)68 as regards appointment and transition to the new grade.
4. You should also be aware that further guidance is provided in *A Guide to Specialist Registrar Training* (February 1998) and the *Interim Dental Supplement to a Guide to Specialist Registrar Training* (March 1996).