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Dear Colleague

GENERAL DENTAL SERVICES

REVISED GP21A

Summary

1. This letter advises Primary Care Trusts, Island NHS Boards and Practitioner Services of the introduction of a revised GP21A - Notification of the appointment, termination or change in status of general dental practitioners (principals and assistants) in the general dental services.

Background

2. Part 1 of the GP21A has been amended to provide that the Primary Care Trust/Island NHS Board should:

- indicate whether the dentist is a male or female (Part 1.1 refers);
- provide the dentist's General Dental Council number (Part 1.4 refers);
- provide the principal dentist's list number, or where the GP21A relates to a vocational trainee, provide the principal dentist's vocational trainer number (Part 1.6 refers);
- provide the list number that the assistant works under (Part 1.7 refers). This part also asks for the vocational trainee number - further guidance will be issued about this in due course;
- provide the telephone number of the practice (Part 1.8 refers);
- provide the dentist's vocational training number (Part 1.5 refers) - a dentist cannot join a Health Board or Primary Care Trust list unless he/she has a vocational training number;

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Addresses

For action

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- indicate whether the dentist is a single-handed principal, salaried dentist or joint appointment CDS/GDS dentist (Part 1.9 refers);
- where the dentist is a partner or associate, provide the names and list numbers of other partners/associates (Part 1.9 refers);
- where the dentist is an assistant, vocational trainee or employee of a body corporate, provide the name and list number of the dentist's employer. Also in the case of an employee of a body corporate the address of the body corporate should be given (Part 1.9 refers);
- where the dentist is appointed as a salaried dentist or joint CDS/GDS appointment, give the name and list number of the previous postholder, where applicable.

3. A mistake has occurred in Part 1.2 of the revised GP21A. The boxes for inserting the dentist's date of birth have been omitted. This omission will be corrected when the GP21A is re-printed. In the meantime please insert the dentist's date of birth alongside "DOB" at Part 1.2.

Action

4. An initial supply of the revised GP21A is being sent to Primary Care Trusts and NHS Boards without requisition. Further supplies can be obtained from Banner Business Supplies in the normal way. Please destroy any supplies of the current GP21A you may have when supplies of the revised GP21A are received.

Yours sincerely

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