

Dear Colleague

## DECONTAMINATION OF INSTRUMENTS IN DENTAL PRIMARY CARE

My purpose in writing is to give you some initial information on the availability of sterilisers (autoclaves) on the NHS contract.

### Background

In my last letter [[SGHD/CDO\(2007\)1](#)] I advised you that NHS Scotland National Procurement (NP) were negotiating a national contract for the provision of local decontamination unit equipment (i.e. small steam sterilisers, small washer disinfectors and ultrasonic cleaners). The contract, known as MEK005, will include the provision of equipment and its installation, commissioning, validation, periodic testing and maintenance.

### Current Situation

At present there are 3 sterilisers on the MEK005 contract and these are listed below. It is expected that, subject to satisfactory evaluation, there will be more added in the next few weeks along with washer disinfectors and ultrasonic cleaners. I will write to you again as soon as the information regarding other items of equipment is available.

#### **Equipment On Contract at currently**

##### ***Sterilisers Supplied by RL Dolbv:***

Type 'N' Eschmann Little Sister 3 (now known as the SES 2010) Standard Chamber

##### ***Sterilisers Supplied by W&H Dental ltd:***

Type 'B' W&H Lisa 517 Standard Chamber

Type 'B' W&H Lisa 522 Long Chamber

Each item includes option codes for maintenance and testing packages.

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For your information a guide on how to access the equipment on contract is provided in the Annex 1.

### **Local Decontamination Units**

I understand that the term sub-optimal which appears in the SHPN13 Part 2 guidance note is open to misinterpretation. As a result of discussions with the profession, colleagues in Health Facilities Scotland are considering an alternative phraseology in order that the requirements for local decontamination units are clearer.

Copies of this letter are being sent under separate cover for **urgent** distribution to all dentists on NHS Board lists.

Kind regards.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Margie Taylor". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

MARGIE TAYLOR  
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## How to Access the MEK005 Contract

All GDC registered dentists have been added to the National Procurement database and have been registered on CDSnet.

To Log on to the contracting services network (CDSnet, the database containing NHS Scotland National Contracts)

### *Step 1*

Click on the URL link: <https://www.scotcat.scot.nhs.uk/cdsnet/cdsnet.asp>

### *Step 2*

**From the Home page Click on the Login tab - you will be asked for a User Name and Password**

User Name = your GDC number

Password = password

### *Step 3*

Click the Login button you will be asked to enter a new password on the first login, which must follow a set criteria:

### **PASSWORD REQUIREMENTS ARE:**

Password must be AT LEAST 7 characters long and preferably contain.

1 or more numeric (0-9) characters

1 or more lower case (a-z) characters

1 or more upper case (A-Z) characters

1 or more non alpha/numeric characters.

e.g. Aale98F£

You will be required to change your password every 28 days. This is in line with recent Audit requirements.

Once you have logged in, please click on “My Profile” (top right of screen) and update the email address and telephone number fields. On completion click submit.

If you have any problems regarding access please contact the application support group on 0131 2756850 or 0131 2757482.

A user guide will be available to download on registration.

### *Step 4*

To access the Local decontamination equipment, Click the ‘National Contracts’ Tab

### *Step 5*

Enter equipment specific keywords to access the equipment information, i.e. MEK005, Washer, Sterilizer, Cleaner etc. This will display the contract details.