

General Dental Services in Wales  
Quarter 4 onwards  
Guidance for Dental Teams and Health Boards

### **Purpose of this document**

This document is to outline arrangements for: Quarter 4 (Jan '21 – Mar '21)  
Quarter 1 (April 21-June '21)  
Quarter 2 (July '21-Sept '21)

The Dental SOP version 1.01, can be found [here](#) still stands, and as ever please refer to this for guidance on the management of Non-covid-19 patients.

### **When will GDS Reform re-start?**

We had hoped to re-start the GDS reform programme on 1<sup>st</sup> April '21, given the current pandemic situation the decision has been made to delay this re-start most likely until Quarter 3 ( Oct '21).

### **What about UDAs?**

Financial support and suspension of UDAs will continue for Quarter 4, and into the next financial year.

### **Will there be targets to meet?**

Measurement and accountability of public funds is necessary, we need to use this time positively to build on learning from the pandemic response and continue to work towards a need/risk led, preventive and evidenced informed provision of primary care dentistry.

There will be four key measures which will be looked at in Q4, and then, in the new financial year **some** of these measures outlined may attract sanctions – sanctions will be outlined clearly and communicated to all practices before the start of Quarter 1.

### **What do you need to do in Quarter 4?**

This current quarter should be used to understand the measures being looked at, prepare your practice, understand your responsibilities on reporting actively, using the tools available to you eDEN, ACORN, Attend Anywhere and training and access support from HEIW should you need it.: [HEIW.DentalQI@wales.nhs.uk](mailto:HEIW.DentalQI@wales.nhs.uk)

### **Measurements**

1. Reporting
  - a. ACORN
  - b. eDEN
2. AGPs
3. Fluoride Varnish
4. New patients

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Measurement		What is the ask?	How will it be measured?	Where can I find this information?
Reporting	ACORN	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>All</b> patients visiting the practice will receive an ACORN once per year.</li> <li>All 8 data points will be collected and transmitted via FP17w</li> <li>Results of the ACORN assessment will be communicated to the patient via the personalised prevention plan.</li> </ol>	Via FP17W's submitted and if required through patient record checks.	<p>You will see this data on your practice eDEN home page.</p> <p>If you have difficulty please contact <a href="mailto:nhsbsa.dentalinsight@nhs.net">nhsbsa.dentalinsight@nhs.net</a></p> <p>Personalised prevention plans can be found <a href="#">here</a> - these can be completed and discussed with the patients and then emailed to them.</p>
	eDEN	All practices will be registered users of eDEN and be familiar with the reports and share with their practice teams	NHSBSA will provide a report on practices by HB who have not yet signed up to access eDEN	<p>To register with eDEN visit : <a href="https://www.nhsbsa.nhs.uk/eden">https://www.nhsbsa.nhs.uk/eden</a></p> <p>Advice on using eDEN can be found <a href="#">here</a></p>
AGPs	AGPs	A strict target has not been set. <b>BUT</b> the ask is that Practices are carrying out <i>reasonable</i> number of AGPs – a reasonable number of AGPs, can be estimated on the size of the ACV, the number of patients previously cared for, patient needs, staff issues and the context of the pandemic.	<p>Reports will be shared with the HB from FDS dashboard.</p> <p>Practices that fall below the HB average will trigger a conversation with the HB dental contracting team.</p>	You will find this data on the FDS dashboard.
	Improved ventilation	Evidence of air changes per hour	Information to be submitted to HB by 31 <sup>st</sup> March 2021	Individual to each practice.

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Fluoride varnish	Adults	Minimum of 80% of adults who are classed as Red or Amber for risk of/who have active Decay receive Fluoride varnish	Via your FP17W's submitted.	This information will be available on your practice dashboard on eDEN
	Children	80% of <b>ALL</b> children receive Fluoride varnish		
New patients		2 New patients* per £160k of ACV are seen per week. If you would like to query what this figure means for your practice please contact your HB dental contracting team.	Via your FP17W's submitted.	This information will be available on your practice dashboard on eDEN.

**\*New patients**

A new patient is defined as:

- **New to Contract:** New patients are defined as patients whose previous visit to the contract was greater than 12 months (children) or 24 months (adults) prior to their current treatment, or who have no previous visit to the contract.
- **New to NHS:** New patients to NHS are defined as patients whose previous visit to any NHS contract was greater than 12 months (children) or 24 months (adults) prior to their current treatment, or who have no previous visit to any NHS contract.