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Dear Colleague

GENERAL DENTAL SERVICES

- AMENDMENT NO 88 TO THE STATEMENT OF DENTAL REMUNERATION AND THE SCOTTISH MINISTERS' DETERMINATION: PAYMENTS IN CONSEQUENCE OF SUSPENSION UNDER AN INTERIM SUSPENSION ORDER OF THE NHS TRIBUNAL**
- ERRATUM TO AMENDMENT NO 88**

Summary

1. This letter advises NHS Boards, NHS Trusts and Practitioner Services of the publication of an amendment to the Statement of Dental Remuneration, [Amendment No 88](#), and Amendment No 13 to the Scottish Ministers' Determination: Payments in Consequence of Suspension under an Interim Suspension Order of the NHS Tribunal, which take effect from 1 June 2003. It also advises of errors contained in Amendment No 88.

Action

- NHS Boards, NHS Trusts and Practitioner Services are asked to note:
 - that with effect from 1 June 2003 the revised SDR comes into force, including a 2.25 per cent increase in the fee-scale for all courses of dental treatment started **on or after 1 June 2003**. The Memorandum to this letter provides more information;
 - the Erratum to the SDR, contained in the Annex to the Memorandum to this letter, which provides details of errors contained in Amendment No 88.
- NHS Boards and Primary Care NHS Trusts are asked to note the new rates of remuneration for salaried dentists and to make any necessary backdated payments.

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4. NHS Boards and Trust Chief Executives are reminded of the need to ensure that they make their Hospital and Community Dental staff aware of the new scale of fees, which they require to calculate the proper patient charge for certain dental appliances.

5. A copy of the SDR, Amendment No 88, and the Memorandum to this letter are being sent directly to general dental practitioners and salaried dentists.

6. Supplies of Amendment No 88 will be sent under separate cover to Primary Care NHS Trusts and NHS Boards for their own use and for new dentists joining their lists.

Yours sincerely

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**DENTISTS
NATIONAL HEALTH SERVICE
GENERAL DENTAL SERVICES**

**1. AMENDMENT NO 88 TO THE STATEMENT OF DENTAL
REMUNERATION AND AMENDMENT NO 13 TO THE SCOTTISH MINISTERS'
DETERMINATION: PAYMENTS IN CONSEQUENCE OF SUSPENSION UNDER
AN INTERIM SUSPENSION ORDER OF THE NHS TRIBUNAL**

2. ERRATUM TO AMENDMENT NO 88

1. An amended Statement of Dental Remuneration (SDR), Amendment No 88, and Amendment 13 to the Scottish Ministers' Determination: Payments in Consequence of Suspension under an Interim Suspension Order of the NHS Tribunal, which take effect from 1 June 2003, are attached.

Amendment No 88 to the Statement of Dental Remuneration

Fee Increase

2. Dr Hamish Wilson's letter of 6 May to general dental practitioners advised that the Health Departments' offer of a 3 year pay deal was rejected on 26 March by the Committee of the British Dental Association representing independent GDPs and therefore the fee increase for 2003/04 has been referred to the Doctors' and Dentists' Review Body (DDRB). Dr Wilson's letter further advised that the Scottish Executive hoped to issue an interim SDR from 1 June.

3. Pending the outcome of decisions on any recommendations from the DDRB for general dental practitioners, remuneration for them will increase by 2.25 per cent from 1 June 2003. This increase is without prejudice to the Executive's consideration of any recommendations the DDRB might make for the year 2003/04. It is expected that these considerations will take into account the delay incurred from the normal operative date of 1 April. The new fees, which are contained in Amendment No 88 to the SDR, will apply to courses of treatment that start **on or after 1 June 2003**.

4. The Central Committee of Community and Public Health Dentistry voted on 26 March to accept the 3 year pay deal. Accordingly, remuneration for salaried general dental practitioners and sessional payments for dentist taking part in Emergency Dental Services will increase by 3.225 per cent from 1 June 2003 with backdating to 1 April 2003.

Changes to Determinations I to XI

5. Figures have been calculated and updated following the normal conventions. The new fee-scale will apply to all courses of treatment started **on or after 1 June 2003**. Changes are sidelined in Amendment No 88.

Determinations III, V, VI, VII, VIII, IX and X

6. The minimum earnings threshold in these Determinations have been standardised.

Determination III (Seniority Payments)

7. The maximum accumulated gross fee income for calculating seniority payments has been raised.

8. Provision has been included to enable dentists who are 90% or more committed to the NHS but whose NHS earnings fall below the new minimum threshold to claim for seniority payments from 1 April 2003.

Determination V (Maternity Payments)

9. Entitlement to maternity payments has been extended from 13 to 26 weeks for any period of maternity pay starting on or after 1 April 2003.

10. Provision has been included to enable dentists who are 90% or more committed to the NHS but whose NHS earnings fall below the new minimum threshold to claim maternity payments from 1 April 2003.

Determination VI (Long Term Sickness Payments)

11. Provision has been included to enable dentists who are 90% or more committed to the NHS but whose NHS earnings fall below the new minimum threshold to claim long term sickness payments from 1 April 2003.

Determination VII (Continuing Professional Development Allowances)

12. Provision has been included to enable dentists who are 90% or more committed to the NHS but whose NHS earnings fall below the new minimum threshold to claim continuing professional development payments from 1 April 2003.

Determination IX (Commitment Payments)

13. The Commitment Payments scheme has been amended as follows:

- provision has been included to allow assistants to claim for commitment payments;
- provision has been included to enable dentists who are 90% or more committed to the NHS but whose NHS earnings fall below the new minimum threshold to claim commitment payments from 1 April 2003;
- the earnings ranges have been increased by 50% of the fee increase for 2003/04.

Determination X (Allowances and Grants for Practice Improvements)

14. Provision has been included to enable dentists who are 90% or more committed to the NHS but whose NHS earnings fall below the new minimum threshold to claim an allowance for practice improvements (Part I of Determination X) from 1 April 2003.

Erratum to Amendment No 88

15. The Erratum, contained in the attached Annex, provides details of errors contained in Amendment No 88.

Enquiries

16. Any enquiries arising from this Memorandum should be taken up with your NHS Board or Primary Care NHS Trust.

SCOTTISH EXECUTIVE HEALTH DEPARTMENT
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**ANNEX TO THE MEMORANDUM TO:
2003 PCA(D)7**

ERRATUM

**STATEMENT OF DENTAL REMUNERATION
(AMENDMENT NO 88)**

Page 27	Item 25(c)(2)	delete "£10.20" and insert "£10.15".
Page 50	Item 54(c)(2)	delete "£10.20" and insert "£10.15".
Page 50	Item 54(c)(2)	delete "£8.16" and insert "£8.12".
Page 57	Proviso to Item 59	delete "£184.35" and insert "£182.60".