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Dear colleague,

Following the release of PCA(D)(2021)6 on 7 September 2021 I would like to reiterate the requirements of the equipment that is eligible for the Improvement Allowance for Electric Speed Adjusting Hand Pieces.

To be eligible for this allowance the hand pieces **must** be capable of being operated, by an electric motor, at less than 60,000 rpm (commonly known as red band hand pieces). There are no other technical specifications that need to be met in order for the equipment to be eligible for the allowance and there is no requirement to purchase the equipment from a specific supplier.

Can I also highlight the forthcoming NES webinar *“Reducing AGPs, Using Red Band Handpieces and Electric Micromotors in Practice”* on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> September, which will help you understand how to set up and use the handpieces appropriately. Details can be found on the NES Portal.

Yours sincerely,

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**Chief Dental Officer**

