

**DENTISTS/DENTAL BODIES CORPORATE
NATIONAL HEALTH SERVICE
GENERAL DENTAL SERVICES**

Scottish Dental Access Initiative (SDAI)

1. The purpose of this Memorandum is to advise of the revised eligible areas to the Scottish Dental Access Initiative and Recruitment and Retention Allowance.
2. The SDAI offers financial assistance to establish a new, or expand or purchase an existing, NHS dental practice in areas where access to GDS availability is poor, i.e. unmet patient demand. We have recently reviewed with NHS Boards the areas which should be included as part of the SDAI grant, and from 10 March 2025, the areas where the grant is eligible are:
 - Dalmellington and Patna within NHS Ayrshire and Arran;
 - NHS Borders;
 - NHS Dumfries and Galloway;
 - Dunfermline, Glenrothes and Kirkcaldy within NHS Fife;
 - Stirlingshire within NHS Forth Valley;
 - Banff, Buchan, Fraserburgh and Moray within NHS Grampian;
 - Inverclyde within NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde;
 - NHS Highland;
 - NHS Orkney;
 - NHS Shetland;
 - Arbroath, Forfar, Montrose, Perth and Kinross (excluding Perth City and Kinross) within NHS Tayside and;
 - NHS Western Isles.
3. For further information on the terms and conditions of the SDAI, please refer to [PCA\(D\)\(2023\)2 - General Dental Services: revised Scottish Dental Access Initiative](#). If you are interested in applying for this grant, please contact your NHS Board for further information.

Recruitment and Retention Allowance

4. The eligible areas for Recruitment and Retention Allowance replicates from the SDAI and include:
 - Dalmellington and Patna within NHS Ayrshire and Arran;
 - NHS Borders;
 - NHS Dumfries and Galloway;
 - Dunfermline, Glenrothes and Kirkcaldy within NHS Fife;
 - Stirlingshire within NHS Forth Valley;
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- NHS Western Isles.

Statement of Dental Remuneration

5. The official publication of Amendment No. 166 of the Statement of Dental Remuneration can be found online at [Statement of Dental Remuneration – Scottish Dental](#).

Enquiries

Any enquiries arising from this Memorandum should be taken up with your NHS Board.

Scottish Government Directorate for Primary Care
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