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Dear Colleague,

Re: Prior Approval Reform 1st November 2026

I am writing to remind dental teams that the Prior Approval Reform for general dentistry came into force on 1 November 2026. Information and training materials are available through Turas Learn, https://learn.nes.nhs.scot/92799.

As of 30th October 2026, only approximately 400 individuals had completed the training module. Given the significance of these reforms and their impact on day-to-day delivery of care, it is essential that all relevant staff complete the training as soon as possible.

The training aims to provide dental teams with information on how the new Prior Approval System for NHS Scotland General Dental Services will function as set out in PCA(D)(2026)2 and will help ensure the reforms are implemented effectively and safely from the outset. I would therefore ask that this reminder is cascaded to all relevant staff and that completion of the training module is actively encouraged.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely

Gillian Leslie
Chief Dental Officer

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