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Dear Tristen

DENTAL FOUNDATION TRAINING PAYMENTS

As you will be aware, since the 2020/21 foundation training year Educational Supervisors have received a fixed monthly payment for treatment completed by Foundation Dentists in lieu of Item of Service fees for that treatment.

In June 2023, Permanent Secretary Peter May approved the continuation of the fixed flat rate monthly payment arrangements for the 2023/24 Dental Foundation Training Scheme, alongside an in year review of the payment approach, pending business case approval.

The monthly block payment will remain based on the average payments for the 3 years preceding the pandemic, adjusted for the respective pay uplifts.

To formalise this arrangements, Determination IV of the SDR will be updated within the next few weeks.

This remuneration model will be monitored and reviewed throughout 2023/24 and a decision on the continuation of the block payment into the 2024/25 training year will be made in due course.

I can also confirm that the £5k Training Grant COVID enhancement, made available from COVID response funding, will not continue into the 2023/24 training year.

For your consideration, I have attached a draft version of Determination IV of the SDR, which reflects the block payment arrangements detailed above. I would appreciate if you could provide any comments you may have by 25 August 2023, or sooner if possible, to allow us to progress the update in line with the business case.

Yours sincerely



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