

VDP Report

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Overview

This report presents a high level overview of a VDP (Vocational Dental Practitioner) performer's activity along with a detailed analysis of the general dental activity scheduled for the report period.

The report was produced following a request from COPDEND (Committee Of Postgraduate Dental Deans & Directors UK) received by the Chief Dental Officer to show which treatments were being carried out by VDPs, so that it could be ensured that they were delivering an appropriate treatment case mix during their training period.

The report will be produced twice yearly, in November with a follow-up in March of the following year.

The following sections provide more detailed explanations to help you understand and use the information contained in this report.

Data

This section provides the reader with information about what data is included in or excluded from the report.

The report is based on the activity that has been scheduled through the NHS Dental Services' systems for the time period shown at the top of the report.

The report covers all contracts, regardless of status, where payments or FP17s have been processed during the reporting period.

The March report includes all VDPs who had scheduled activity with a treatment acceptance date since the 1st April of the financial year eg since 01/04/2013 for the period from April 2013 to March 2014. The November report includes all VDPs who had scheduled activity with a treatment acceptance date since the 1st April of the previous financial year eg since 01/04/2013 for the period from April 2013 to November 2014. The performer start and end dates reflect the most recent Payments On-Line entries as entered by the PCO (Primary Care Organisation). Please note that a performer could be associated with more than one contract, which may not run concurrently. Most VDPs appear to start their vocational training in August for a period of one year.

From 1 June 2014 any FP17 (paper or electronic) received by the NHS Dental Services more than two months from the date of completion will be processed, but no units of dental activity will be allocated to the course of treatment. The patient charge will still be deducted from the FP17.

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The **general clinical data set** section provides information on the range and in some cases number of treatments being provided within the three treatment bands. All contractors are required to record details of the treatments provided (including any appliances) for each patient during each course of treatment.

This table provides an analysis of the clinical data set for the year to date, along with region and England comparative figures.

The **breakdown of activity** for the period reports key measures such as the number of FP17s, patients, units of dental activity and calculated patient charge by patient charge band and broken down into adults and children. This table can be used to see how the activity for a particular performer is spread across charge bands and is an extension of the clinical data set.

The **analysis of patients treated by patient age** table reports key measures by the patient's age at the start date of treatment.

Variables

Each variable referred to in the report is listed and described in this section.

Children	Patients aged less than 18 years at the date of acceptance of their treatment.
Number of FP17s	This is a count of the number of FP17s scheduled including adjustments for amended and deleted FP17s. Withdrawn FP17s are not included in the total count of FP17s. This figure may be zero or negative if deletion FP17s have been processed.
Number of patients treated	Count of the unique patient identities on scheduled FP17s. A patient may have attended more than once in the year and received different bands of treatment, so the total figure has been adjusted for duplicate patient IDs. Patient identities are counted for all valid FP17 transactions – including amendment, deletion and withdrawn records. Therefore, it is possible for the count of patient identities to be greater than the count of FP17s for this report.
Patient age range	The age of the patient in years at the date of acceptance.
Patient Charge Band	This returns the patient charge band and the exempt charge band. Please note that to be classified as charge exempt, the course of treatment cannot contain any other treatment items.
Patient charges calculated	The amount of patient charges calculated as recoverable from the contract payment based on the activity scheduled and patient charges recorded on the FP17. The total patient charge calculated includes any patient charge calculated on withdrawn FP17s. Amendments/deletions of FP17s can result in refunds of patient charges to contracts.
Performer End Date	The date the performer left/will finish on a particular contract. If no date has been entered by the PCO this will be empty. The date reflects the most recent Payments On-Line entries as entered by the PCO (Primary Care Organisation). Please note that performers may have more than one end date associated with them, with only the most recent reported.
Performer Name	Name of the performer.
Performer Personal Number	The performer's personal number. This will be the number reported on the FP17 or where this is not reported this will be the provider number where there is only one performer; else the form is rejected.
Performer Start Date	The date the performer started on a particular contract. The date reflects the most recent Payments On-Line entries as entered by the PCO (Primary Care Organisation). Please note that performers may have more than one start date associated with them, with only the most recent reported.
Treatment Acceptance Date	The date the patient was accepted for treatment.
Treatment Location ID	The identification number of the surgery where the treatment was carried out according to the information on the FP17
UDA	UDA accrued from scheduled FP17s. The figures for UDA are net of amendments and therefore can be negative.

The charge exempt patient charge band includes the following treatments:

Arrest of Bleeding	Relates to the FP17s submitted with the arrest of bleeding box ticked. Arrest of bleeding without banded treatment or other charge-exempt items generates 1.2 UDA. Figures relate to the FP17s with arrest of bleeding rather than the number performed.
Bridge Repairs	FP17s where the Bridge Repairs box in Part 7 (Charge Exempt Items) was ticked. Bridge repairs with no other treatment items ticked generate 1.2 UDA.
Denture Repair	Relates to the FP17s submitted with the denture repair box ticked. Denture repairs without banded treatment or other charge-exempt items generate 1 UDA. Figures relate to the FP17s with denture repairs rather than the number of repairs performed.
Prescription Issue	Relates to the FP17s submitted with the prescription issue box ticked. Prescription issues without banded treatment or other charge exempt items generate 0 UDAs. The figures relate to the FP17s with prescription issues rather than the number of prescriptions issued.
Removal of Sutures	Relates to the FP17s submitted with the removal of sutures box ticked. Removal of sutures without banded treatment or other charge-exempt items generates 1 UDA. Figures relate to the FP17s with removal of sutures rather than the number performed.

Interpretation

This report can be used to monitor the breadth of clinical experience gained by VDPs during their vocational training year. It details the courses of treatment and complexity of those treatments undertaken by VDP performers during the time period. Note that the volume and complexity of VDP clinical activity generally increases over time, and that most VDPs start their one-year VDP placement on or about 1st August, so VDPs who started much earlier or later than this may have very different activity patterns.

Further Guidance and Support with using NHS DS information

More information about the NHS Dental Services' (NHS DS) reporting timetable can be obtained from the NHS DS website

More information about the NHS Dental Services' (NHS DS) processes, and how they affect the activity and payment information reported, can be obtained from the NHS DS website at:

www.nhsbsa.nhs.uk/DentalServices/1145.aspx

The report is based on the activity that has been scheduled through the NHS DS systems for the reported month(s). The processing cut off dates vary for contracts according to their schedule group; more information about this can be obtained from the NHS DS website at: <http://www.nhsbsa.nhs.uk/861.aspx>

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