

# Provider news round-up

**July 2018**

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Below is a list of the communications that were sent to prototype practices from the dental contract reform programme during the month of July.

Please note that it is the responsibility of the contract holder to ensure that the information contained in these emails has been communicated to relevant members of the practice team and acted upon.

## **Monthly survey – sent July 18 at 16.37**

The deadline for completion of the monthly survey for June is Friday 27 July 2018

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## **Keeping in touch calls**

During 2017/18 we contacted all prototype practices at least once a quarter to find out how the prototyping arrangements were working. This provided valuable feedback for the programme and NHS England commissioners. Collecting knowledge and gaining understanding continues to be a focus for the programme but in the current year we will not be contacting practices in this way. However if you need information or clarification on any issue you can access the resources on the DCR website or ask the programme via the mailbox. Additionally, if practices would like to share information with the programme about their experience in the prototype arrangements then they can also contact us via the mailbox.

## **Selection and training for new prototype practices**

The Department of Health and Social Care has today announced that the programme will be recruiting up to an additional 50 practices into the prototype scheme. This is 30 more than originally envisaged.

A link to the announcement can be found here:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/new-dental-care-approach-to-be-expanded-after-trial-reduces-tooth-decay>

All practices that expressed an interest in joining the programme have now been informed of the outcome of their application. Selected practices will be split into two cohorts going live during October 2018 and January 2019.

Practices will be supported with pre-go live training including advice on what to do in preparation for going live, together with information on prototype blend types and remuneration model.

Each new practice has been given a schedule detailing the financial elements of their contract under the prototype arrangements. A webinar will take place on Thursday 26 July and it will be repeated on Tuesday 31st to explain the basis on which the finance schedules

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have been calculated. In addition, practices will be given fact sheets to explain capitation and activity and the clinical philosophy together with a hints and tips guide to appointment book management. Training will culminate in three events across the country to provide face to face induction into the programme at the end of August/beginning of September. Existing prototype practices are invited to share any ideas and suggestions of other resources they feel would benefit practices that are new to prototyping through the DCR mailbox.

All the training materials developed will be placed on the DCR webpages and accessible to all prototype practices.