

## Changes to the FP17W from 1 April 2020 in Compass

### Part 2

This is the second article from the Welsh Government and NHS Dental Services to help explain the changes to the FP17W form.

To support the General Dental Services (GDS) Dental Contract Reform programme and Community Dental Services, the Welsh Government and Public Health Wales have requested that NHS Dental Services make some changes to the FP17W form in Compass.

The changes we've made reflect the work carried out so far in the following GDS Contract Reform programme strategic documents:

- Taking Oral Health and Dental Services Forward in Wales 2017
- A Healthier Wales: Our Plan for Health and Social Care
- Oral Health and Dental Services' Response to A Healthier Wales 2018

### Metal dentures

“Upper denture – metal” has been replaced by “Upper and/or Lower denture”. You need to record the number of dentures not number of teeth.

It seems unusual for more than one **metal** denture to be provided within one course of treatment (FP17W). Understanding how many metal dentures were provided within a course of treatment is sufficient. Going into the detail of how many teeth were replaced on each metal denture is not required.

### Prevention and Stabilisation

“Lower denture – Metal” has been replaced by “Prevention and Stabilisation”.

This is a new item of treatment for tooth decay. This allows dental practitioners to work with patients with high dental treatment need, to make annual preventive care planning. For example, if a patient has 6 restorable teeth with tooth decay extending into dentine, dental teams can work with the patient to improve oral hygiene, diet, smoking, provide fluoride varnish and temporise the decayed teeth with appropriate material, and provide permanent restorations at review visits.

Caries pathway work is about to start soon which should cover this area in more detail.

### Onlays

Inlay(s) has been replaced by “Onlay with cusp coverage”.

Most teeth can be restored with direct restorations (Band 2). However, there will be occasions where a tooth may benefit from indirect restoration made in a laboratory (Band 3).

For example, when one or more cusps coverage by restoration is required but not the full crown. This item of treatment is for those kinds of indirect restorations.

## Examination

Examination - you now have the ability to record 0, to indicate 'full clinical examination not possible' and 1 to indicate 'examination complete'.

This was requested by the Community Dental Service. 'Full clinical examination not possible' allows dental teams to indicate just that and is mainly used for special care dentistry patients. On occasions, full clinical examination may not be possible on very young children. For example, a full clinical examination on a 2-year old may not be possible or children with complex medical history.

## Pre-formed crowns

'Antibiotic items prescribed' has been replaced by 'Pre-formed crowns'.

Reporting of antibiotic items via FP17Ws is inconsistent. In Wales, dental antibiotic prescribing is captured more accurately via individualised prescription pads. Pre-formed crowns treatment item is when deciduous teeth have been restored with preformed crowns, for example, Hall Technique.

## Advanced Perio RSD (Advanced periodontitis and root surface debridement)

'Best practice prevention' is now covered by 'Advanced Perio RSD'. You need to record the number of sextants.

The Assessment of Clinical Oral Risk Needs and its utilities cover this element.

Advanced Perio RSD, which is also known as comprehensive sub-gingival debridement, is usually required to stabilise active periodontitis (categorised as Red on the ACORN) once patients risk factors have been controlled, including patients maintaining good plaque control. Please refer to All Wales GDS Periodontal Care Pathway for details/guidance.