

Changes to the FP17W from 1 April 2020 in Compass

Part 1

This is the first of a series of articles 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

The changes mean the way you record clinical data is different. The table below shows the changes to the clinical data categories and how you should now record them:

Clinical data set item before 1 April 2020	Clinical data set item from 1 April 2020
Scale and polish	Tooth brushing instruction Inter dental cleaning Plaque retentive factors
Upper metal denture	Upper and/or lower metal denture
Lower metal denture	Prevention and stabilisation
Inlays	Onlay with cusp coverage
Examination	Examination 0 if a full clinical examination is not possible Examination 1 if a full examination has been completed
Antibiotics	Pre-formed crowns
Best practice prevention	Advanced periodontitis and Root Surface Debridement (Advanced Perio RSD)

These changes were shared with software suppliers last autumn in preparation for implementation on 1 April 2020.

There is also a revised [practice record form](#). The A3 perforated version is replaced with two separate versions - one in the English language and the other in the Welsh language. A PRWe (e = English) and PRWw (w = Welsh) can be found on our [website](#). However, we would expect existing supplies to be used up initially.

Further information: Scale and polish

Due to a decision from the Welsh Government, the change to the clinical data set has seen the removal of scale and polish. The Welsh Government and Public Health Wales indicate

that scale and polish has no clinical value and a number of research papers have been published confirming this. The Welsh Government and Public Health Wales believe the following make a difference to periodontal health:

- effective toothbrush instruction that is personalised
- advice on Interdental Cleaning aids
- removal of plaque retentive factors such as calculus or overhanging restorations.

The Welsh Government and Public Health Wales want dental teams to move away from a standard six month check and scale and polish to effective oral health assessment and effective preventive care. As scale and polish is not effective, and not what they want to focus resource on, it has been removed as an item. They've requested dental teams to 'put down the scaler' and plan preventive intervention according to the needs of the patient and thereby transfer responsibility for daily mouth hygiene to the patient.

Guidance documents

We've created two guidance documents to support the changes to the FP17W forms (under the option Compass on-line form guidance):

- [overview of changes to the FP17W from April 2020](#)
- [creating online FP17Ws April 2020 - Wales](#)

Additional guidance can be found on the [Primary Care One](#) website.