# Changes to the FP17 and FP17O from 1 October 2022 – a quick reference guide for dental teams

From 1 October 2022, NHS England is introducing changes to the dental contract. These changes are referenced in NHS England’s [first stage of Dental Reform letter](https://www.england.nhs.uk/publication/first-stage-of-dental-reform/) and affect all NHS dental teams in England.

To support the dental contract changes, in collaboration with your dental practice management system supplier, we’re rolling out changes to the FP17 and FP17O.

For any questions on FP17s, FP17Os or Compass, you can contact us: [nhsbsa.dentalservices@nhsbsa.nhs.uk](mailto:nhsbsa.dentalservices@nhsbsa.nhs.uk)

For any questions regarding dental policy, please [contact NHS England](https://www.england.nhs.uk/primary-care/dentistry/dental-commissioning/).

**Upcoming changes to the FP17**

The amendment for awarding additional UDAs for Band 2 treatment is awaiting regulatory change. When the amendment comes into effect, additional UDAs will only apply to claims with a ‘Date of Acceptance’ on or after the date of regulation change.

This amendment is expected to come into effect by the end of November 2022.

## Changes to FP17s from 1 October 2022

On FP17s, new mandatory fields are being introduced so you can record:

* a GDC number for a Dental Care Professional (DCP) involved in the course of treatment
* information about each patient’s oral health risk
* the patient’s maximum recall period based on their oral health risk and in accordance with [NICE guidelines](https://www.nice.org.uk/guidance/cg19)

### Recording your GDC number on an FP17 as a DCP

As outlined in NHS England’s [first stage of Dental Reform letter](https://www.england.nhs.uk/publication/first-stage-of-dental-reform/), dental therapists and others operating within their scope of practice and competence can open courses of treatment.

To support you with this, the FP17 has fields to record your information as a DCP. If you’re a DCP and you’ve carried out all or part of a course of treatment, you must record your:

* DCP type – tick only one option from the list
* GDC number – this will be validated against the GDC list held in Compass

You must enter your DCP type and GDC number to prevent the FP17 from being rejected.

You must also include a dentist’s performer number, even if you carried out the full course of treatment as a DCP. This might be the performer number of the dentist supervising treatment, or the performer number for the contract holder (your provider).

If your dental practice management system is not yet showing a field to record your details as a DCP, you can use the online form in [Compass](http://www.nhsbsa.nhs.uk/compass).

More information on this is available in our [completion of form guidance – FP17](https://www.nhsbsa.nhs.uk/activity-payment-and-pension-services/dental-activity-processing) (under the ‘Dental forms’ heading).

### Recording information about a patient’s oral health risk

As highlighted in NHS England’s [first stage of Dental Reform letter](https://www.england.nhs.uk/publication/first-stage-of-dental-reform/), data is required covering a patient’s oral health at the point of check-up. Therefore, we’ve made some changes to the clinical data set.

If the clinical data set in your dental practice management system has not been updated, you can either:

* use the online form in Compass
* submit using your normal system and a comment code will be generated on the FP17 – it will not be rejected

Information about the changes is summarised below. For further information, please read [completion of form guidance – FP17](https://www.nhsbsa.nhs.uk/activity-payment-and-pension-services/dental-activity-processing) (under the ‘Dental forms’ heading).

### Recording endodontic treatment

For courses of treatment starting on or after 1 October 2022, Endodontic treatment is now split into two categories:

* Endodontic – Molar
* Endodontic – Non-molar

**Endodontic – Molar**

The number of permanent molar teeth endodontically treated (root filled) should be entered in this box. Treatment on deciduous teeth must not be included.

**Endodontic – Non-molar**

The number of permanent non-molar teeth endodontically treated (root filled) should be entered in this box. Treatment on deciduous teeth must not be included.

### Recording the highest BPE sextant score

Entry of the highest Basic Periodontal Examination (BPE) score is mandatory on all FP17 claims when the date of acceptance is on or after 1 October 2022 and the patient is 18 or over. It is optional for patients under 18.

Use the drop-down list next to ‘Highest BPE Sextant Score’ to record either:

* Score of zero
* Score of 1
* Score of 2
* Score of 3
* Score of 4
* - (hyphen)

The hyphen must only be used if it is not possible to carry out a BPE.

### Recording the number of untreated decayed teeth

Recording the number of untreated decayed teeth is mandatory on all FP17 claims when the date of acceptance is on or after 1 October 2022 and the patient is 18 or over. It is optional for patients under 18.

You must use the untreated decayed teeth field to record the number of teeth with active caries which extends into dentine, including teeth which have recurrent decay around fillings. This excludes arrested decay.

## Recording the patient’s recommended recall period

NHS England, in their [first stage of Dental Reform letter](https://www.england.nhs.uk/publication/first-stage-of-dental-reform/), has set out the requirement to personalise each patient’s recall period based on their oral health risk and the

[NICE guidelines](https://www.nice.org.uk/guidance/cg19).

Recording the patient’s recall period is mandatory on all FP17 claims when the date of acceptance is on or after 1 October 2022 and the patient is 18 or over. It is optional for patients under 18.

The patient’s recall period can be recorded in the NICE Guidance field. This should be between 3 and 24 months.

Recording the patient’s recommended recall period does not apply to treatment on referral.

If your dental practice management system has not been updated, you can either:

* use the online form in Compass
* submit using your normal system and a comment code will be generated on the FP17 – it will not be rejected

For further information, please read [completion of form guidance – FP17](https://www.nhsbsa.nhs.uk/activity-payment-and-pension-services/dental-activity-processing) (under the ‘Dental forms’ heading).

## New orthodontic assessment item on FP17Os

On FP17Os, ‘Orthodontic assessment and de-bond – Overseas patient' is being introduced as a new item.

This item must only be used if the:

* date of assessment is 1 October 2022 or later
* IOTN score is present or IOTN not applicable is selected
* patient is from overseas and they are unable to provide their orthodontic treatment records due to circumstances outside of their control
* patient has an orthodontic appliance
* patient has no history of NHS orthodontic treatment
* patient does not pay for NHS dental treatment

Once your FP17O claim is successfully validated, you will receive 1 UOA.

If Orthodontic assessment and de-bond – Overseas patient is not available on your dental practice management system, you can use the online form in [Compass](http://www.nhsbsa.nhs.uk/compass)**.**

For further information, please read [completion of form guidance – FP17O](https://www.nhsbsa.nhs.uk/activity-payment-and-pension-services/dental-activity-processing) (under the ‘Dental forms’ heading).

Patients can check whether they’re eligible for free NHS dental treatment using the   
[**online eligibility checker**](https://www.nhsbsa.nhs.uk/check-if-youre-eligible-help).

[**Exemption checking guidance and a communications toolkit**](https://www.nhsbsa.nhs.uk/patient-exemption-checking-guide-dental-teams-england) is available for   
dental teams.