

Frequently Asked Questions

When to expect students?

Currently Outreach Providers are expected to accept groups of students during the academic year, which is split into three term time sessions; -

Term 1 - Autumn (Sept-Dec)

Term 2 - Lent (Jan-March)

Term 3 - Summer (April- July)

Typically, a group of students will attend a placement for 1 day each week over 7 weeks (7 days for each student in total) so an outreach provider could expect to see 3-4 different groups of students over the academic year. Students can be grouped from 2 per provider/day up to 6 students per provider/day depending on chair availability.

E.g., 2 students would require 1 chair available, and 6 students would require 3 chairs available on the agreed day between the provider and the School. There is no limit on the number of days a provider may be able to offer.

What year of training would the student be at?

Outreach providers will be supervising students in their 3rd year, which consists of a collaborative learning core of BDS/BSc students, who will be able to undertake all treatment within the scope of practice of a dental therapist, and 4th/5th year BDS dental students who will be able to undertake all treatment within the scope of practice of a dentist. Students will attend placements in mixed groups i.e., 3rd and 4/5th year students can be allocated to the same placement on the same day.

Undergraduates undertake all treatment within their scope of practice but are required to be supervised at all times.

What should I expect to be paid for being a provider?

Funding from HEE/School of Dentistry for BDS/BSc students is paid per student per session. i.e., 1 full day equates to 2 sessions per student. Sessional rates are subject to change and are reviewed on an annual basis.

NHS funding has not been factored in but UDA's are expected to be part of the outreach experience, and all UDA's completed by the undergraduate should be considered part of the practice UDA count.

Will the ICB need to be notified?

As a key stakeholder and keen observer of the Quality Assurance relating to the Outreach program the ICB will be notified and updated of student experience throughout the academic year.

How long will my Outreach partnership with the School last?

A partnership agreement will be issued on acceptance to the Outreach component, this is rolled over annually for a maximum of 2 years unless a provider wishes to end its collaboration with the Dental School. A period of 6 months' notice is required to ensure student experience is not affected whilst a new provider is recruited.

Will students require a nurse?

Students will attend working in a pair, one being the clinician the other being the assistant. A nurse should be available to support the students and assist in the practices decontamination processes and material/equipment replenishing.

What does the School expect of the Outreach Provider?

A GDC requirement is that Outreach Providers are expected to not have their own patient lists for the entirety of time the students are treating patients in their practice. Students not yet GDC registered do not have the same level of authority as a GDC registered clinician when treating patients and therefore must be fully supervised and able to request assistance as and when required. The School of Dentistry expects Outreach providers to have experience in the education of dental students or foundation dentists.

Are students employees at the practice?

For the purposes of **insurance only** the Placement Provider is deemed to be the employer of a student undertaking practice learning opportunities, and responsible for liaison with staff of the University should insurers request information in relation to any undergraduate student. All dental practices should already have this cover in place for their own workforce.

Are students indemnified by the practice?

The School of Dentistry indemnifies students through a corporate membership with Dental Protection Society, but we advise you contact your indemnifier to inform them you will be supervising undergraduate students at your normal place of work.

Will I be employed by the School of Dentistry?

All Outreach tutors will be given honorary contract status for a maximum of 3 years. As an honorary contract holder you are able to access university software packages, such as office 365, MS Teams and Zoom. You will also become part of the School of Dentistry's extended family of clinicians collaborating together to help train dental professionals of the future.