£11m funding boost for dental training

The government has announced an extra £11m of funding for dental hospita-

The funding is part of a joint initiative by the Department of Health, NHS Connecting for Health and the Dental IT programme board.

Deputy Chief Dental Officer, Tony Jenner said: ‘This extra funding reinforces the govern-

The NHS now has over 4,000 more dentists than it did in 1997 and we have increased the num-

The £11m will be divided be-

The trusts will have responsi-

This includes core applica-

The 10 trusts receiving allo-

Infant Oral Mutilation campaign

The oral health charity, Dentaid, has launched a campaign to stop the prac-

A spokesman for Dentaid said: ‘A primitive technique is usually employed to gouge out the baby teeth involving un-ster-

The practice is often carried out by village healers for a fee. It is also performed by parents, community elders and even mid-

The consequences of this In-

Infants often suffer from fu-

Preventive work will there-

Preventive work will therefore focus on deprived areas in Sheffiled as statistics have shown this is where children are more likely to develop dental prob-

Fluoride is currently added to children’s milk in 42 primary schools in the city and this will continue under the new strat-

More preventative work for Sheffield

NHS dentists in Sheffield will be asked to sign a new contract next year that encour-

The change, when the cur-

The Primary Care Trust wants to reduce the proportion of the contract that focuses on the delivery of EBAs (Units of Dental Activity) and develop a frame-

The director of dental public health for Sheffield, John Green, said the current dental contract was very ‘activity focused’. He added: ‘There would still be recognition for carrying out treat-

Dentists will get rewarded for preventive work

Dentists wanted for revalidation views

The General Dental Council is asking dental profes-

Hew Mathewson, president of the GDC said: ‘Revalidation is about ensuring dentists continue to meet the standards expected of them throughout their careers. Patients can have even more con-

We want revalidation to be as simple and flexible as possible, so we are committed to using ex-

Once revalidation is up and running for dentists, the GDC will look at introducing a system for other groups of dental profes-

For more information and to download the current propos-

www.gdc-uk.org/revalidation. The GDC website will be up-

If you are interested in getting involved with this campaign please nicky Trisance on 04794 125146 or email nicky@dentaid.org. Detailed information can also be found at www.dentaid.org.