A guide to the NHS England National Performers List

If you are a dentist who currently performs NHS treatment or a dentist wishing to begin performing NHS treatment then this article provides a practical guide to assist...
who can process the application as follows:

1. Cumbria, Northumbria and Tyne and Wear AT for performers whose address is in Scotland
2. Shropshire/Staffordshire AT for performers whose address is in North Wales
3. Arden, Hereford and Worcester AT for performers whose address is in South Wales
4. Wessex AT for performers whose address is in the Channel Islands
5. Merseyside AT for performers whose address is in Northern Ireland
6. London North West AT for performers whose address is outside the UK.

On submission of the form to the relevant Local Area Team, it takes six to eight weeks until the dentist is added to the performer list if they are happy with the information provided.

Existing Performers

A dentist who performed NHS treatment prior to 1st April 2013 will have already been registered on a PCT performer list. These lists have now been amalgamated and have become the NHS England National Performer List. This list is accessible by all Local Area Teams (LATs) who now oversee the performance of dental contracts.

If a dentist wishes to move from one area to another they must contact the new LAT under which they wish to perform. NHS services will then be able to access their details on the National Performer’s List. Each LAT will have different requirements but they should all be able to facilitate the transfer of a dentist from performing under one LAT to another.

The new LAT will liaise with the old LAT and will carry out checks in relation to the dentist’s qualifications and records. The LAT the dentist is leaving will then give a declaration to the new LAT that there are no issues concerning the dentist and the dentist will then be able to perform NHS treatment under the authority of the new LAT. This should take around two weeks.

NHS England recognises that there is a need for a uniform approach to transfers and has drafted a new policy with an expected release date of 1st August 2013. Until then, dentists will have to simply follow the ad hoc transfer procedure required by each LAT.

At the time of going to press no policy has been published by NHS England, and having spoken to a number of LATs across the country, whilst they are aware of this policy and its imminent release, no policy has been issued as yet.