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Health and Social Care Integration Directorate
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Dear Colleague

GENERAL DENTAL SERVICES

PAY AWARD FOR 2013-14 AND RECOVERY OF DUPLICATE REGISTRATION PAYMENTS

Summary

1. The attached letter clarifies the position for dentists regarding the pay award for 2013-14 and recovery of duplicate registrations payments.

Action

2. NHS Boards are asked to **urgently** issue the attached letter to all dentists on their dental lists.

Yours sincerely

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13 January 2014

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To: All General Dental Practitioners



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Pay Award for 2013/14 and Recovery of Duplicate Registration Payments

From 1st November 2013 we put in place an increase of 2.51 per cent on item-of-services fees (including capitation and continuing care payments). In total, we estimate the pay award to be worth an additional £5.2m per annum (which this year includes provision for any backdated payments). In addition there is also the favourable effect on GDPA and superannuation of the increase.

My purpose in writing, having had confirmation from the BDA through the Scottish Dental Practice Committee that they accept this offer, is to explain the link between the recovery of duplicate registration payments and the backdated payments for the year 2013/14 pay award. As this award was not implemented until 1st November 2013, backdated payments refer to the period 1st April to 31st October 2013.

Some individual dentists will shortly be receiving letters from Practitioner Services describing the process for making recoveries of duplicate registration payments. For this year only the recovery of duplicate registration payments is part of the funding package for 2013/14. As Practitioner Services have a legal duty to make these recoveries, the sensible way forward is to recycle this money for 2013/14, ensuring that this money is not permanently lost to dental practices. The intention is that the backdated payments will be made at the same time as recoveries. We anticipate the total value of the backdated payments to be slightly larger than the amount of recoveries.

I should also inform you that from 2014/15 the Scottish Government has guaranteed to fund with new money the contribution to the uplift funded by duplicate registration payments in 2013/14.

I trust that this letter helps to clarify the position.

Yours sincerely

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