

DENTAL ST1 POST INFORMATION 2026

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1.	Region (Deanery) Name	South West
2.	Title of post Duration of post	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Speciality Registrar in Special Care Dentistry • Training time is normally 3 years for 1 WTE • Full time hours constitute a 37.5 hour working week, Monday to Friday
3.	Main training unit/location	Somerset NHS Foundation Trust – Bridgwater, Taunton, Yeovil to be confirmed
4.	Rotational Post information and Duration (other sites)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fixed Special Care Dentistry GA lists twice per month with potential for additional lists to support service need and joint lists with other specialities ADHOC. Opportunities to support GA at Dorset County Hospital. • Core work to be undertaken within the clinics listed below with indicative timetable shown in section 17. This would be agreed with the candidate to limit travel where possible.
5.	Full address of all unit/s where training is based	<p>Bridgwater Dental Access Centre Southwood House 2-4 Taunton Road Bridgwater TA6 3LS</p> <p>Taunton Dental Access Centre Park Gate House 35B East Reach Taunton TA1 3ES</p> <p>Yeovil Dental Access Centre Summerland's Hospital Site Preston Road Yeovil BA20 2BX</p> <p>Musgrove Park Hospital (for GA activity) Parkfield Drive Taunton TA1 5DA</p>
6.	Travel Commitment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Use of own vehicle essential for the post, public transport in Somerset is not regular and can be problematic navigating the county. • Distances between clinical locations is up to approx 45 minutes

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7.	Name of Training Programme Director (TPD)	Camilla Boynton, MA (Hons), BDS Lond, MJDF RCS Eng, MSc, MSCD RCS Eng, PG Cert	
8.	TPD Contact details	Consultant in Special Care Dentistry The Salaried Dental Service Exeter NHS Dental Access Centre RD&E Hospital (Heavitree) Gladstone Road Exeter, EX1 2ED Reception: 01392 405718 Mobile: 07379 064543 Email: camilla.boynton@nhs.net	
9.	Description of training post including Educational Supervisor if known	<p>This training post will include placements at our community dental clinics in Somerset and is designed to meet the requirements of Health Education South West for training programmes leading to registration with the General Dental Council as a Specialist in Special Care Dentistry.</p> <p>The successful applicant will undertake a formal training in Special Care Dentistry complying with the requirements of the Postgraduate Dental Dean and recommendations of the SAC, over a 3 year period of full time training or LTFT.</p> <p>The post holder will be required to actively contribute to an Educational Agreement and meet the agreed learning objectives. The trainee will have the opportunity to explore the possibility of a further qualification during their training to support their study for the MSCD and will be eligible for the award of a Certificate of Completion of Specialty Training in Special Care Dentistry (CCST) subject to satisfactory progress.</p> <p>The programme follows the curriculum recommended by the SAC in Special Care Dentistry.</p> <p>The StR will attend community dental clinics and manage patients under the supervision of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gemma Allen, Consultant in Special Care Dentistry / Educational Supervisor • Clinical Supervisors <p>Additional educational clinical attachments may also be arranged at other specialist centres within the region and adjacent regions if additional training needs are identified.</p>	
10.	Suitable for Temporary Registrant?		NO
11.	Primary Care element Performer Number required?	YES	

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12.	Pattern of working (including any on-call commitment if applicable)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • StR will be expected to contribute to the core clinic activity to include Assessment and treatment of Special Care Patients using LA / IS / IV / Domiciliary • Contribute to 2 monthly GA lists at Musgrove Park Hospital with an opportunities to support monthly GA's at Dorchester Hospital • 1 x SPA day per week (Full time equivalent) • Admin time assigned each working day • Additional educational clinical attachments may also be arranged at other specialist centres within the region and adjacent regions if additional training needs are identified.
13.	Educational programme Summary	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clinical experience in treating patients requiring Special Care Dentistry under LA / IS / IVS / GA • Supported to attend speciality specific conferences • 30 days study leave (Full time equivalent) • Support to gain Speciality Specific postgraduate qualifications • Aim to support the GDC Specialty-Specific Content for Special Care Dentistry / Dental Gold guide
	Optional (complete if applicable):	
	Research component of curriculum	Research, audit and quality improvement projects are encouraged and supported. This may include presenting at regional or national meetings and conferences as appropriate to curriculum.
	Certificate awarded	Tri collegiate membership examination in special care dentistry (or equivalent at the time of reaching that stage of training) is required for successful completion of the training programme and eligibility for GCD specialist register.
	Time commitment	Course is approx. three years in length for a full time trainee with time allocated to support educational requirements and direct patient facing care.
	Fees	
Employment Details		
14.	Employer	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Somerset NHS Foundation Trust
15.	Contact email for applicant queries referring to post	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gemma Allen, Consultant in Special Care Dentistry and Educational Supervisor Gemma.allen@somersetft.nhs.uk • Erica Boulton, Workforce Development Manager Erica.boulton@somersetft.nhs.uk
16.	Link to relevant webpages	Link to SomersetFT Website: https://www.somersetft.nhs.uk/

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17.	Indicative timetable/ working pattern (may be subject to change)	<p>Timetable</p> <p><i>Please note: this timetable is indicative only and may change subject to service needs and changes to the curriculum. Specific clinic locations will be agreed with individual candidates in line with their training programme requirements. There may also be opportunities to work from our SCD based at Dorset County Hospital (Dorchester), in clinic or providing Special Care GA</i></p>																								
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