

NHS Commitment Quarterly Report & Frequently Asked Questions

Whole time equivalent

Informs you if a dentist in your practice has had their figures increased to deem them as Committed for the quarter.

Practice Total Actual - Actual number of patients registered at your practice or item 1(c) claims and referrals.

Practice Total Uplifted - This line will report if a list number in your practice has had their numbers artificially increased to consider them as committed.

Practice Average - Average number of fee paying patients registered at your practice and the average gross income. This is the data used in determining if your practice meets the criteria for gaining NHS Commitment status as set out by the Scottish Government.

Your NHS Committed status for this quarter.

This line will inform you of the criteria you have met, or have not met, to determine your status.

NHS Commitment Calculation - General Dentist
For quarter 1 2009

Title First Name Last Name
Address Line 1
Address Line 2
Address Line 3
Postcode

Location Code: x
Practice Start Date
Target registrations 2300

Run Date 10/03/2009
Calculation End Date 31/05/2008
Number of Counted Dentists 4.0

Dentist	List Number Deened Committed	WTE	List Number	Number of Patients				Total	Gross Income
				Exempt Adult	Exempt Child	Remitted	Fee Paying		
Mr Joe Bloggs	No		00000	11	168	30	117	326	14426.24
				11	168	30	117	326	14426.24
Mrs Joanne Bloggs	No		00000	15	164	82	484	745	50264.15
				15	164	82	484	745	50264.15
Mr Joseph Bloggs	No		00000	48	306	197	887	1438	108010.09
				48	306	197	887	1438	108010.09
Practice Total Actual				74	638	309	1488	2509	172700.48
Practice Total Uplifted							1488	2509	172700.48
Practice Average							496	2509	57567

The practice is NHS Committed for this quarter (this may be for remuneration purposes only):
 General - Meets commitment requirements
 * These dentists have had their figures increased to meet the minimum levels of registrations and earnings required.

This area details a breakdown of the number of exempt, remitted and fee paying capitation and continuing care patients you have registered at your practice.

Your location code is a unique identifier for your practice.

The practice start date is required for new practices who are considered committed.

The date the calculation is run.

This is the last day in the quarter being reported.

This is the total number of counted dentists in your practice. We include both full-time and part-time dentists.

Your target registrations are the baseline target that your practice is expected to meet.

Practitioner's gross income.

Total number of patients registered under each list number.

Differences with Orthodontic Dentist Quarterly Report

The following reporting areas are shown on the orthodontic quarterly report:

Exam 1(c)	Number of		Gross Income
	Claims	Referrals	
188	1975		153723.92
2	34		15323.58
190	2009		169047.5
190	2009		169047.5
190	2009		169047.5
190	2009		169048

NHS Commitment – Frequently Asked Questions

What are the changes to NHS Commitment?

Calculation of NHS Commitment was formerly a complex manual process, so we have developed our payment system, MIDAS, to systemise the process. There is no change to the criteria used to make the calculation. However, the systemisation allows for more advanced reporting and has provided us with the facility to create quarterly and monthly reports which we will send to your practice.

What does my quarterly report detail?

Your quarterly report will provide your practice with a breakdown of the data used in the actual calculation of NHS Commitment and will advise you of your NHS Committed status for each quarter.

Will every practice receive reports?

Yes. Every practice will receive a report regardless of their NHS Committed status. If your quarterly report states that you have met 'full' commitment requirements then you will automatically receive the additional 6% GDPA (General Dental Practice Allowance) and full reimbursement of dental practice rental costs. If you meet 'secondary' commitment requirements you will receive an additional 3% GDPA and entitlement to claim for reimbursement of dental practice rental costs. If you do not meet any of the required criteria you will receive the standard 6% GDPA allowance. The reports will allow you to monitor your numbers in line with the criteria set out by the Scottish Government Health Directorate.

Will the new systemised calculation affect the amount I get paid or the way in which I get paid?

The only difference you will notice as a result of the systemised calculation is the delivery of monthly and quarterly reports. The payment will still be made to a designated list number within your practice.

When would my list number be "Deemed Committed"?

Any new and additional dentist taken on by an existing practice will fully meet the conditions of the definition of an NHS Committed practice for their first year of practice or in the case of orthodontic or other specialist practices, two years. This means taking on a vocational trainee or a new dentist will not adversely affect your NHS Commitment status. Please contact us if you have taken on a new dentist so we can update our system to show them as committed for the appropriate timescale.

New locations will be considered committed for their first year of practice, or first two years for orthodontic or other specialist practices, regardless of whether or not they meet the required criteria, allowing new locations time to build up their practice profile.

What does the "WTE" (Whole Time Equivalent) column report and why?

The WTE column reports the whole time equivalent of part time dentists. If the column is left blank, it is assumed the dentist is full time (equates to WTE of 1). Part time dentists must submit a GP229 to declare their list number's WTE. This will be entered on the system and displayed on the report. This affects the number of dentists counted, reported at the top right hand side of the report. It is essential you inform us of any resigned or terminated list numbers within your practice as this will result in your dentist count adversely affecting your registration count or referral and item 1(a), (b) and (c) claims and your practice's gross earnings, which could result in failure to meet the conditions of the definition of an NHS Committed practice.

When would my practice total be uplifted?

Your practice total would be uplifted if a list number in your practice is part time.

Why is my Practice Start Date not showing on my report?

The start date is only required for new practices who are deemed committed for their first year or first two years for orthodontic or other specialist practices.

What will happen to my NHS Committed status if a dentist leaves my practice?

It is the responsibility of the practice to maintain the number of patients they treat, even if a dentist leaves and patients are transferred from the practice. If your baseline target drops below 15% you will risk losing your committed status. Your baseline target is the number of registrations as of October 2005 when NHS Commitment was introduced. New practices will have their baseline target calculated one year after the practice opens.

Will I still receive warning letters if my numbers drop below the required levels to maintain a committed status?

You will only receive warning letters if your numbers drop below the required levels to maintain your status as a fully NHS Committed practice. If your numbers drop below the required levels to maintain your status as a secondary committed practice then you will lose your status without warning.

When will I receive a monthly report?

You will receive a monthly report in the months when you do not receive a quarterly report. We anticipate you will receive your first monthly report in August around the same time as you receive your payment schedule. Your monthly report is for information purposes only.

Who should I contact if I have any concerns or further questions about the information being reported?

If you have any queries about your report please contact the Dental Helpdesk on 0131 275 6300 or email us at nss.psddental@nhs.scot