



25th April 2024

To: National Director of Human Resources, HSE
CEOs and HR Managers of the NCSAs

**Revision of Sessional Dentists allowances as set out in 6(a) and 6(b)
of the DoH Consolidated Salary Scales**

Dear Sir/Madam

Please find below additional information in relation to the implementation of Circular 3/2024.

To ensure the Circular is implemented appropriately, the HSE is responsible for ensuring the following principles are in place:

- Ensuring that agreed, standardised clinical criteria are in place to guide the selection of patients for sessions.
- Ensuring that supporting clinical and physical infrastructure are in place to ensure best practice and patient safety.
- Putting in place standardised procedures for the assignment of patients to sessions and for setting a minimum number of patients to be seen which will be influenced by the complexity of care to be provided.
- Setting out the mandatory minimum requirements for both the professional and the premises, where sessions are to be held on a non-HSE premises and/or by dentists who do not already provide care to HSE patients, e.g. through DTSS contract.
- Ensuring that the NTPF principles regarding conflict of interest are adhered to.

In addition, it should be noted that, HSE dentists must continue to see their patients within standard contracted working week in so far as possible and that no additional payment is applicable in respect of washing up/disinfection time.

Yours sincerely

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