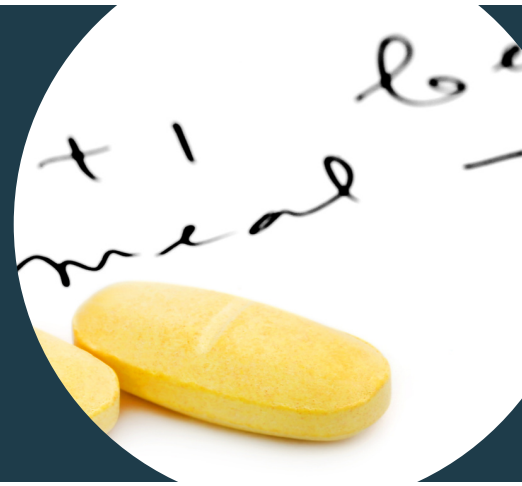


NIMDTA

Prescribing protocol for Dental Core Trainees (DCTs)

2026



Requirements

The below mandatory requirements came into effect in September 2024. Prescribing requirements will be mandatory within each training year. These requirements will be reviewed at the end of the the training year, August 2027.

Compliance with these requirements will be monitored in year and at year end. A requirement list for upload to the ePortfolio should be completed by the DCT and will be reviewed by the appointed Educational Supervisor.

Dental Core Trainees will be advised of these requirements at induction and also within the DCT Handbook. These requirements will be shared with the Directors of Medical Education and with Educational Supervisors through the Training Programme Director.

There are five mandatory requirements in total:

- 1 Completion of Dental Script modules**
- 2 Completion of Prescribing module**
- 3 Completion of MedicinesNI prescribing modules**
- 4 Provision of local prescribing protocol**
- 5 Trainee surveys - data collection**

1. Completion of Dental Script modules

Dental Script Modules will be completed by all Foundation Dentists from September 2024 onwards. Modules are completed through the joint FD/ DCT ePortfolio. Dental Core Trainees commencing training in September 2026, who have not previously completed Script modules will be required to complete all modules within 5 weeks of post commencement, i.e. by 7 October 2026. Certificates should be placed within the **Uploads** section of the ePortfolio.

Required modules:

- Safe Prescribing in Dentistry X5
- Prescribing in Medical Emergencies X1
- Periprocedural Prescribing X1
- Management of Infection X1
- Pain, Ulceration and inflammation X2

2. Completion of Prescribing module

At Regional Induction a module on Prescribing will be facilitated by a Trust Pharmacist or other nominated Trust representative. This regional induction will be organised by NIMDTA. It is a requirement that all DCTs attend induction. Please see Appendix 1 for further information on module aims. A certificate of attendance will be available for DCTs. The certificate should be placed within the **Uploads** section of the ePortfolio.

DCTs should also complete reflection on this module within the **Reflection** section of the ePortfolio (**Portfolio Documentation**).

3. Completion of MedicinesNI prescribing modules

Dental Core Trainees are required to complete three MedicinesNI 'Patient Safety' certified modules before starting to prescribe. These modules should be completed within the first five weeks of training, i.e. by 7 October 2026. Please register on the [MedicinesNI](#) website using your HSCNI email address. For module aims and learning objectives please see [MedicinesNI](#).

Certificates for module completion should be placed within the **Uploads** section of the ePortfolio.

Please be advised that each module is required to be completed once during the Dental Core Training programme. Modules that have been updated on MedicinesNI will require to be completed again. Please therefore visit the MedicinesNI website to check module status.

Required modules:

- High-Risk medicines – Insulin
- High Risk medicines– Opioids
- High-Risk medicines – Oral anticoagulants

4. Provision of local prescribing protocol

The local prescribing protocol will be shared by each Trust (host organisation), at local induction, with all Dental Core Trainees. DCTs should complete reflection on this protocol within the **Reflection** section of the ePortfolio (**Portfolio Documentation**). Receipt of the local prescribing protocol should be confirmed by the Educational Supervisor at the induction meeting with the DCT. This takes place within three weeks of commencement into post (as per FRCP requirements). The Educational Supervisor should detail provision of the protocol within the **Induction** section of the ePortfolio, **Educational Supervisor Induction Meeting**.

5. Trainee Surveys – data collection

The Dental Core Trainee mid-year and end of year surveys will include questions relating to Prescribing. This will allow for analysis by NIMDTA and feedback to the Trusts in relation to the provision of prescribing support to trainees. This data will be shared by the PGDD in meetings with the Directors of Medical Education. This information will also be made available to the broader Quality Management team at NIMDTA.

Appendix 1

Induction – Prescribing Module

Aim

To be able to safely and appropriately prescribe and administer medicines and therapeutic agents to patients in the outpatient day care and inpatient environment.

- Prescribing of common medicines.
- Transcribing of medications, including common mistakes, surgery, formulations changing, etc.
- Prescribing of less common medications– high risk medicines which are relevant to OMFS.



DCT Prescribing Requirements 2026

The below requirement list should be completed by the DCT and placed in the **Uploads** section of the ePortfolio. This will be reviewed by the Educational Supervisor.

	Requirement	Evidence	Timeline	Completed (Y/N)
1	Completion of Dental Script modules (if not completed in DFT)	Certificates placed in Uploads section of ePortfolio	By 7 October 2026 (within 5 weeks of post commencement)	
2	Prescribing module completion	Certificate placed in Uploads section of ePortfolio Reflection completed on ePortfolio	By 23 September 2026 (within 3 weeks of post commencement)	
3	Completion of MedicinesNI prescribing modules (completion of modules required once only, unless module has been updated)	Certificates placed in Uploads section of ePortfolio	By 7 October 2026 (within 5 weeks of post commencement)	
4	Provision of local prescribing protocol	Reflection completed on ePortfolio Recorded within the Educational Supervisor Induction meeting on ePortfolio	By 23 September 2026 (within 3 weeks of post commencement)	

