

General Dental Services – Monthly News Sheet

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New Regulations on X-Ray Use - IRR17 and IRMER18

The Ionising Radiation Regulations 2017 (IRR17) have just been published, and the Department of Health is in the final draft stage of the Ionising Radiation (Medical Exposure) Regulations 2018 (IRMER18). IRR17 will replace IRR99, and IRMER18 will replace both the original IRMER 2000 and the amendments from 2006 and 2011. The Faculty of General Dental Practitioners has published an article on the likely implications for General Dental Practitioners which can be found at <https://www.fgdp.org.uk/news/updated-new-regulations-x-ray-use-likely-implications-irr17-and-irmer18>.

The BDA has published a similar article, which can be found at <https://www.bda.org/news-centre/latest-news-articles/Pages/New-regulations-for-dentists-in-Northern-Ireland-using-xray-equipment.aspx>.

Reminder - Miconazole (Daktarin)

Over-the-counter oral gel is contraindicated in patients taking warfarin

Following a further incident, we would like to remind all practices of the Medicines and Healthcare Products Regulatory Agency update from September 2017, see:

<https://www.gov.uk/drug-safety-update/miconazole-daktarin-over-the-counter-oral-gel-contraindicated-in-patients-taking-warfarin>

'Patients taking warfarin should not use over-the-counter miconazole oral gel (Daktarin). If you plan to prescribe miconazole oral gel in a patient on warfarin, you should closely monitor them and advise that if they experience any sign of bleeding, they should stop miconazole oral gel and seek immediate medical attention.'

HSC Pensions Service

Practices should dispose of any red SS14 forms and access: <http://www.hscpensions.hscni.net/download/SS14Jun-16.pdf> for the current version.

All HSC Pension Service Newsletters produced this quarter are available under Newsletters Section of the website at www.hscpensions.hscni.net

HSC Pension Service

We are pleased to let you know that we have received information relating to your pensionable earnings to 16/17 year inclusive from Dental Payments Office at BSO. We need to verify the information before we can update your record in order for us to be able to process calculations. This process can be lengthy and we will produce Annual Benefit Statements when we are confident that the information we hold is accurate.

As we will be processing these in tranches, please bear with us as we try to update all of your records.

As you do not yet have access to the MSS (Member Self Service) facility, Annual Benefit Statements produced will be sent to the home address recorded on your pension record at HSC Pension Service. Please ensure that any change to personal information such as address, change of status etc is communicated to us via dentalpensions@hscni.net

Further updates will be sent via the Monthly News Sheet.

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