**Job Description**

**Job Title:** Dental Officer

**Purpose of Job**

1. Provision of dental care within the terms of the NHS General Dental Service (Scotland) Regulations and the Statement of Dental Remuneration as amended.
2. Provision of comprehensive oral care including to priority groups and safety net patients. Care must be provided from clinics, domiciliary and custodial settings. Keeping up to date in advancements in clinical techniques.
3. Provision of treatment under oral, inhalational, intravenous sedation or general anaesthetic in appropriate settings and with appropriately trained staff.
4. Participation in emergency in and out of hours services in NHS Forth Valley as required by the Public Dental Service’ contractual arrangements. There may be a requirement to work weekends and public holidays as part of providing emergency clinical cover.
5. The post holder will be expected to participate in the National Dental Inspection Programme.
6. The post holder will be expected to participate in audit and in the clinical governance of the service.
7. The Dental Officer may have to undertake other duties appropriate to the post and grade as determined by the Clinical Director of the Public Dental Service.
8. The post holder will be expected to work flexibly within NHS Forth Valley and contribute to further planning and development of the service.

**Communications and Working Relationships**

1. The Dental Officer will liaise and collaborate with other members of the Public Dental Service in NHS Forth Valley.
2. The Dental Officer will supervise and direct the work of any dental nurse providing assistance to the Dental Officer liaising as necessary with the senior dental nurses or Dental Nurse Manager who has management responsibility for dental nurses.
3. The Dental Officer may be expected to be involved in the clinical teaching of trainee dental nurses and CT1’s.
4. The Dental Officer may have access to a dental hygienist/dental therapist.
5. The Dental Officer will liaise and collaborate with other Health Care Professionals within the NHS and other agencies in regard to patient care including Scottish Prison Service, Local Education Authorities.

**Selection Criteria**

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| **Criteria** | **Essential** | **Desirable** |
| WORK EXPERIENCE  (required to do the job) | * Vocational training in General Dental Practice or equivalent * 2 years post qualification experience. | * Experience of working under general dental service contract * Completion of a clinical audit project. * Experience of working within a large team. * Experience in sedation * Experience working with patients under GA * Experience of working with vulnerable patient groups * Experience of working in a custodial environment |
| QUALIFICATIONS   * Basic Education * Further Education * Professional | * Dental degree recognised by the GDC * Evidence of commitment to Continuing Professional Development | * Training in conscious sedation. |
| KNOWLEDGE AND SKILLS  I.T. | * Full range of clinical dental skills including endodontics and minor oral surgery * IT Literate * Excellent communication skills. | * Presentation skills * Experience of clinical software (R4) * Awareness of risk management techniques and the role of assessing risk in the context of clinical governance. * Awareness of relevant legislation e.g: Adults with Incapacity, Children and Young Persons Act 2014 |

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| **Criteria** | **Essential** | **Desirable** |
| TRAINING  (in knowledge and skills relevant to the job) | * Up to date in respect of decontamination and sterilisation procedures. * Up to date in resuscitation skills * Knowledge of behavioural techniques management. |  |
| DISPOSITION | * Able to demonstrate initiative and adaptability * Leadership skills * Enjoys being part of a team and able to motivate others * Open to change with a clear vision of the future * Well organised and reliable * Empathy with the needs of anxious, special care and child patients. |  |
| OTHER  (e.g: physical, health and driving license) | * Good general health * Hep B Immunity Status * Driving licence and access to a car. |  |