Dental training and support for commissioners

June 2020

PCC's dental team are launching their next round of training courses for commissioners. With the current environment we have looked at our training courses and have converted these to virtual delivery. Face to face training days will recommence when it is safe to do so but in the meantime we will be providing our support to commissioners virtually.

These training courses are available as national events or we could provide training as a workshop for your team

**Dental commissioning – an introduction to the dental contract**

Over three interactive virtual sessions this course introduces commissioners to the primary care dental contract.

This course is useful to dental commissioners, particularly those new to their roles or those looking for a refresh

The three sessions will provide delegates with the opportunity to gain a wider understanding of:

- Where dental contracting sits in the commissioning environment
- The components of the dental contract and how the budget for NHS dentistry is derived and how dentists are paid for providing NHS dentistry. The session will be joined by NHSBSA to provide information on the Compass payment system.
- The regulatory framework that impacts on dental contracting. The session also includes a brief introduction to key contractual management issues that dental commissioners may come across.

Delegates are expected to attend all three sessions.

**10.00-12.00 on July 21, 22 and 23 or**

**14.00 – 16.00 on October 20, 21 and 22**

**Dental commissioning - an introduction to dental contract management**

Over three interactive virtual sessions this course introduces commissioners to the areas of contract management that they will face in their roles.
This course is useful to dental commissioners, particularly those new to their roles or those looking for a refresh. For those who are new to their role it would be beneficial to have attended the introduction to primary dental commissioning first but not mandatory.

The first session will familiarise commissioners with setting up a contract, the assurance process that is undertaken and how each contract is financially reconciled each year.

The second session will cover the variations that a contractor or commissioner may request including issues of subcontracting and retirement.

In the final session we will look at the actions that commissioners may take when something has gone wrong such as breach and remedial notices, through to terminations.

Delegates are expected to attend all three sessions.

**14.00 – 16.00 on August 18, 19 and 20 or**

**10.00 – 12.00 on November 19, 24 and 26**

**Dental commissioning – a deep dive into contractual changes**

When there is a contract in place, there will often be changes that will affect the contract and will often have to be varied. The three interactive virtual sessions will look at the types of variations in more detail and what a commissioner needs to do.

This course is useful for both new and established contract managers/commissioners.

The first session will look at variations due to legislation changes and changes to the contracting parties, premises and services provided.

The second session will look at the issues of sub-contracting and 24 hour retirements and how these can be managed.

The third session will look at the issues of incorporation and what a commissioner should review in looking at the request and how it may be implemented by way of a contract novation.

These sessions will include local scenarios, working with you and your fellow delegates to understand how you would best approach a contract variation.

Delegates are expected to attend all three sessions.

**10.00 – 12.00 on October 7, 13 and 15 or**

**14.00 – 16.00 on January 19, 20 and 21**

**Dental commissioning – a deep dive into when things go wrong**

Even in the best of worlds sometimes things go wrong. The three interactive virtual sessions will look at how you manage these situations.
This course is useful for both new and established contract managers.

The first session will look at when breach and remedial notices may be issued and how they should be produced.

The second session will focus on when a commissioner is facing the potential decision to terminate a contract.

The third session will look at the timeframes for a planned closure as well as how to manage the short notice closures that commissioners sometimes find themselves dealing with.

These sessions will include local scenarios, working with you and your fellow delegates to understand how you would best approach the contracting issue.

Delegates are expected to attend all three sessions.

14.00 – 16.00 on November 5, 12 and 19 or
10.00 – 12.00 on February 23, 24 and 25

**Local workshops**

The dental team can deliver the above courses locally for your own organisation or if you have specific training needs you would like to discuss please contact either your local adviser or drop us a line at enquiries@pcc-cic.org.uk

One to one support or mentoring for new team members can also be provided upon request.