**Clinical Student Entry Agreement**

All students who study for a University clinical qualification are exposed to all aspects of the clinical environment. It is therefore essential that dental students, dental hygiene and dental therapy students and postgraduates undergoing clinical training must be aware of and fulfil the requirements of the General Dental Council, as published in *Standards for the Dental Team* (<http://www.gdc-uk.org>) which outlines the standards of conduct, behaviour, ethics and professionalism expected of all Dental Professionals including students.

All clinical students should also be aware of the requirements of the General Dental Council as published in *Student Fitness to Practise* (<http://www.gdc-uk.org>) which outlines and aims to promote a positive approach to professional behaviour amongst students.

Our patients are treated as part of an NHS service. As such all students must adhere to the principles and values contained within *The NHS Constitution*. [file://localhost/(https/::www.gov.uk:government:uploads:system:uploads:attachment\_data:file:170656:NHS\_Constitution.pdf)](file:///C%3A%5C%28https%5C%3A%3Awww.gov.uk%3Agovernment%3Auploads%3Asystem%3Auploads%3Aattachment_data%3Afile%3A170656%3ANHS_Constitution.pdf%29)

Before accepting an offer of a place to study at The University of Sheffield, we want you to be aware of the GDC guidelines and The NHS Constitution and to have read the School’s expectations below. We will ask you to sign up to these expectations, to guide you as you follow your clinical programme. If you require clarification on any of our expectations, please contact us.

**Dental School Expectations**

**a) Putting Patients First**

1. When I meet patients and listen to them I will put their needs first, respect their views, treat them politely, considerately and with compassion, respect their privacy and dignity and respect their right to refuse to take part in my learning.
2. I will not allow my views about lifestyle, culture, beliefs, race, colour, gender, sexuality, age, social status, disability, disease or perceived economic worth to prejudice my interaction with patients, their families, teachers or colleagues.
3. I will not abuse the trust of a patient or other vulnerable person and I will not enter into unprofessional relationships.
4. I will treat patients irrespective of their lifestyle, culture, beliefs, race, colour, gender, sexuality, age, social status, disability, disease or perceived economic worth. I will have a chaperone present when appropriate. Before undertaking any treatment I will obtain permission from the patient to do so.
5. I will be honest in my dealings with patients, their families, teachers and colleagues. I will also make clear to others that I am a student.
6. I understand, accept and agree to be bound by the principle of confidentiality of patient records and patient data. I will not discuss patients with other students or others outside of the clinical setting except anonymously. I will respect all clinical and other records of patients.
7. I will not falsify any information in the Dental School Clinical Record Books or Hospital Patient Records.
8. I will not post patient information or informal, personal or derogatory comments about patients or colleagues on public internet forums or social networking websites. I will not initiate contact with patients through the internet, but if interactions do occur with patients on the internet I will conduct myself in accordance with professional ethical guidelines.

**b) Commitment to Quality of Care**

1. I will maintain appropriate standards of dress, appearance and personal hygiene so as not to disquiet patients, teachers or colleagues.
2. I will not cover my face when interacting with patients, teachers and colleagues in all clinical teaching settings, whether on University, NHS or other sites.
3. I will adhere to NHS policies for infection control and dress including complying with the need to be “bare below the elbow”.
4. I will raise any concern that might put a patient at risk, even if I am not in a position to control or influence the outcome.
5. I will work and communicate effectively with all members of the dental team.
6. **Commitment to my training**

14. As part of my training I will undertake clinical procedures on my colleagues and allow them to reciprocate (e.g. take impressions or scale and polish).

15. I will attend classes and other teaching sessions as required by the regulations of the relevant programme. I will work outside normal working hours, including evening or weekends as required of me.

16. I will not use unfair means to gain advantage in any form of assessment including plagiarism.

17. I will inform the Dental School prior to or during my time as a student if I am involved in an on-going investigation, arrested, charged, convicted, cautioned, or reprimanded in relation to any offence.

18. I will attend my Occupational Health appointment at the start of the course and any follow up appointments and provide any authenticated reports of laboratory tests as may be required.

19. I will inform the Dental School if there is any significant change to my health that might affect my fitness to practise.

20. I confirm that I have been truthful in my application to Dental School, and that I did not omit any relevant information on my application. I understand that if the Dental School discovers that I have been untruthful in my application, it reserves the right to withdraw an offer or terminate the course of study.

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