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Dear Colleague,

**Financial support measures for completing Vocational Dental Practitioners (VDPs) who are in the process of moving to their first associate position**

My purpose in writing is to advise of revised financial support measures for completing VDPs moving to their first associate position (replacing an outgoing associate). In these circumstances VDPs may now receive either the value of the VDP salary, **or** 80% of the monthly average of their item of service payments for the period August 2019 to February 2020 inclusive, whichever is greater. Capitation and continuing care payments will also be paid as appropriate.

*New and Returning Vocational Trainers*

We have also taken this opportunity to align the NHS financial support for trainers who are new or returning to training with existing vocational trainers. For existing trainers they receive 80% of the average monthly item of service payments for the period 2019/20 associated with their vocational training number. We have decided to extend this provision, so that new and returning trainers will receive a payment equal to an average NHS financial support payment to existing trainers on their vocational training number.

We have asked Practitioner Services to update their FAQs with this revision, and outline the process.

Kind regards,

Tom Ferris (CDO)

