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GDC Press Release - Update to Dental Nurse Training Timelines

HEIW is highlighting this important update from the GDC with regards to trainee dental nurses and when they must commence their training. As of 1st June 2026, new trainee dental nurses to the profession will be required to enrol onto a recognised training programme as soon as possible and begin that training within 12 months of commencing their employment.

This replaces the current window of two years and is intended to reduce the amount of time trainees spend working with patients without formal training, strengthening professionalism and enhancing patient safety.

Transitional arrangements will be in place for existing trainees employed who have not yet started formal training:

- They must start their training by 1st June 2027 or:
- Start their training within **two years of the date they started their employment**, whichever deadline comes sooner.

Please share this update with relevant colleagues whom this may affect.

Kind Regards

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