

## Dental Foundation Training Report 31<sup>st</sup> January 2012

1. Apologies for not submitting a written report before but things are moving so fast it would have been out of date and Anwen's gives many of the key figures and issues

Correction:       65% got 1<sup>st</sup> or 2nd

97% got top 20 choice

2. Opportunities are restricted

- Most Australia/New Zealand agencies want individuals with DF1 experience
- Many Trusts also want DF1 experience for DF2 or SHO posts
- Private VT proposal has collapsed as not recognised for equivalence – now being branded as VT Plus, much interest but doesn't solve performer number issue
- Working as a Therapist is allowed

3. Cardiff Dental School

- 1 didn't press application button so excluded
- 1 didn't accept interview within 48 hour timeline
- 19 interviewed but currently don't have a place
- Many of those without a place ranked areas other than Wales e.g. London
- We believe:
  - 2 not responded
  - 12 ranked schemes outside Wales higher
  - 5 ranked Wales higher

4. Allegations about Bristol process will be looked at by review process and issues addressed

5. Postgraduate Department has met on 3 occasions with 5<sup>th</sup> years to brief them on process as information became available – advised to rank all 74 schemes and told schemes around dental schools would be very competitive

6. What has the postgraduate Department done to address the current situation?

- All DF1 places in Wales have been filled for 2012
- Dental Postgraduate Department identified the potential for the current shortage of places 6 years ago and since then we have worked with WG.
- We have realigned 2 DF2 posts  
Reduced the DF1 salary to English level in order to release money for 1 additional post
- WG have agreed to match our 3 additional places and found further funding for 3 more places
- A CDS/GDS DF2 post has been realigned into a DF1 post  
We have established 2 Dental Teaching Units at Porth and Baglan

7. This has resulted in us increasing our numbers from 65 in 2006 to 75 for August 2012 which is 3 years ahead of our target for 2015
8. This means we will have enough places to match the increased output from Cardiff Dental School assuming our budget is not reduced. The shortfall in places is in England
9. How the current situation came about
  - DOH approved massive expansion of numbers in existing Dental Schools e.g. 55 – 80 in Cardiff by 2015
  - Agreed to the opening of 3 new Dental Schools; UCLAN, Peninsula, Aberdeen
  - DOH and others have not addressed the issue of EU eligibility to do DF1, even though EU graduates don't have to do DF1 to obtain a performer number (I have personally raised this issue for many years as I believe it is not equitable)
  - The current economic situation in Ireland has exacerbated the situation
  - Wales has addressed the need to expand DF1 places but to date this has not been matched in England. The solutions lie with DOH if they are to ensure that all UK graduates can obtain a DF1 place for August 2012

10. What is likely to happen between now and August 2012?

Individuals will decline places

- *illness*
- *Location/practice*
- *Personal*
- *Maternity*
- *Accept offers in NI or Scotland*

Individuals will not be eligible

- *Deferred*
- *Fail finals*

11. SHA/PCT in England are likely to find additional funds (I understand some have not yet committed funds to match last year's level due to budget constraint but may release funds in due course)
12. Intense lobbying will take place supported by Dental Schools / BDA / Individual final year students without a place as well as Deanery's. Further media exposure is also probable and MPs will be contacted and will apply political pressure
13. 133 currently on a reserve list (123 are UK graduates) – they will be offered new or released places after 2012 BDS examinations are concluded. Offers will be meritocratic as before using ranking and applicant preferences

14. Additional Information:

- a. From 01/01/2012 HIW have stated that dentists under a vocational training contract are not required to register with HIW
- b. 86 Trainer applicants for 64 trainer places
- c. 79 DFT2 request for application for 35 DFT2 posts