

Copy of email sent to dental trainees 17 March 2020

Dear candidate

**Important guidance on Dental Core Recruitment due to Covid-19 outbreak -  
Postponement of Dental Core SJT**

We had hoped that the DCT SJT would still be able to go ahead from 18<sup>th</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup> March but we do not think this is viable at the current time. Several candidates have been subject to cancellations or are not able to attend due to exposure to Covid-19, self-isolation, cancellation of leave amongst other reasons

Therefore, we have taken a decision to postpone the SJT at this time. This is not a decision we have taken lightly, and we are aware you will have prepared for this exam. However, we do believe this is the right decision at this current time

We will be in touch once we know more about how the DCT recruitment process is going to proceed. We appreciate this will cause concern regarding making career arrangements from September 2020 and wish to reassure that plans are being devised to minimise the impact. However, this is an exceptional time and these decisions need careful consideration. At this stage we advise monitoring the website ([https://www.eastmidlandsdeanery.nhs.uk/recruitment/dental/dental\\_core\\_training](https://www.eastmidlandsdeanery.nhs.uk/recruitment/dental/dental_core_training)) for updates and please refrain from sending emails to the DCT Recruitment inbox in order to allow the team to work on essential business.

Best wishes

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