

ACRONYMS SPECIFIC TO NHS DENTISTRY

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ACVP	Annual Contact Value Payments
ADSSP	Annual Domiciliary and Sedation Service Payments
BDA	British Dental Association
BNUDA	Baseline Number of Units of Dental Activity
BSA	Business Services Authority
CDO	Chief Dental Officer
CoT	Course of Treatment
CPD	Continuing Professional Development
CQC	Care Quality Commission
DH	Department of Health
DRO	Dental Reference Officer
DRS	Dental Reference Service
DSD	Dental Services Department
DwSIs	Dentists with a Special Interest
GDC	General Dental Council
GDS	General Dental Services – all NHS dentistry is delivered as a GDS or PDS contract in England and Wales.
GR	Gateway Reference (publications)
HMRC	HM Revenue and Customs (formerly Inland Revenue)
ICAS	Independent Complaints Advocacy Services
IOTN	Index of Orthodontic Treatment Need
NACV	Negotiated Annual Contract Value
NCAS	National Clinical Assessment Service
NHS	National Health Service
NHSLA	NHS Litigation Authority
NICE	National Institute of Health and Clinical Excellence
PALS	Patient Advice and Liaison Services
PCC	Primary Care Contracting
PCR	Patient Charge Revenue
PCT	Primary Care Trust (Welsh equivalent – Local Health Board)
PDS	Personal Dental Services
PHSO	Parliamentary and Health Service Ombudsman
SDR	Statement of Dental Remuneration
SFE	Statement of Financial Entitlement
UDA	Unit of Dental Activity
UOA	Unit of Orthodontic Activity
VDPs/FDs	Vocational Dental Practitioners / Foundation Dentists