

Report Addendum

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Summary

Following inspection activity, the Dental Hygiene BSc (Hons) programme at Teesside University was given actions to address within a specified timeframe. Progress Monitoring has been undertaken by the EQA team to review what improvements have been made, to ensure that the actions outlined in the report have been appropriately addressed.

Teesside University have reviewed their supervision models for students on placement. The first is known as “Adopt a Hygienist”, where a student shadows a registered dental hygienist, each taking it in turns to act as a dental nurse for the other. The other model is “Adopt a Surgery”, where supervision is provided by a member of the dental practice. At inspection, the panel felt that there were risks around the latter model regarding the consistency of supervision and the potential for feedback to be lost or distorted if the supervisor is busy with their own patients. The report gave the action to revisit the potential risks of the “Adopt a Surgery” model.

Action Number	Requirement	Progress
2	4	<p>The University explained that they had adapted their workshop for supervisors into separate sessions for the two different models of supervision. The presentations to the supervisors have been updated to include the specific points from the 2024 GDC inspection, including an explanation of how the ‘Adopt a Surgery’ model works, how to implement it safely, consent procedures, and the risks around feedback potentially being lost. These changes are supported by various elements including new feedback booklets, new 360 forms, new consent forms, new orientation to work, and an FAQ document covering appointment lengths, indemnity, and holidays. In addition, tripartite meetings with a member of the Academic Team, student, and dental practice supervisors take place 4 weeks after the placement begins to support both the student and the supervisor.</p> <p>This requirement therefore changes from “Partly Met” to “Met”.</p>