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DENTISTS TO BE PAID FOR TREATMENT QUALITY

For the first time this summer, dentists will be paid for the quality of the treatment they give rather than the number of treatments provided.

Sixty-two dental practices have been selected to trial a new dental contract that will help improve outcomes for patients. The trials are being carefully designed to improve the quality of patient care and increase access to NHS dental services, with the added objective of improving children's oral health.

This is part of the Coalition Government's wider plans to modernise the NHS with a relentless focus on improving quality of care and patient outcomes.

'We all want good teeth and good oral hygiene,' said Health Minister Lord Howe. 'Is it important that we take our time to get this absolutely right. We want our reforms to give dentists the encouragement that they are looking for to provide a service that meets the needs of today's population, and which fosters positive habits from an early age.'

Three different models will be piloted across England starting in the summer. Each model will be slightly different in order to provide information and evidence on various aspects of the proposals; this will help better inform the development of the new national contract, which will be based around capitation, registration and quality.

AWARDS FOR DUNDEE

Professor Nigel Pitts, Director of the Dental Health Services and Research Unit, and Dr Nicola Innes, clinical lecturer in paediatric dentistry, both of the

COWBOYS HELP PROMOTE ORAL HEALTH

A picture created by dentist Dr Ian Davis was chosen by global charitable foundation the Wellcome Trust as their Image of the Month.

The picture, 'Sugar Attack', is part of Toothville, a collection of pictures created by Dr Davis and used as a vehicle to promote oral health, especially in children.

The Wellcome Trust is 'dedicated to achieving extraordinary improvements in health by supporting the brightest minds' focusing on

researchers, application of research and medicine in culture.

'It is great that an image relating to dentistry has been chosen,' said Dr Davis, who is a dentist in North London. Other images in his Toothville gallery, which came about when Dr Davis combined his love of photography and dentistry, show cleaners, painters and scuba divers set around real dental models and engaged in excavation and restoration activities.

www.toothville.com



University of Dundee, were recognised at the International Association for Dental Research Awards in California.

Professor Pitts won the IADR Distinguished Scientist Research in Dental

Caries Award. Dr Innes received the IADR/Unilever Hatton Competition Senior Clinical Research Prize for her paper: *Sealing caries in primary molars: Hall Technique RCT 5-year results.*