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DES-OS Accreditation Panel Health Education & Improvement Wales Ty Dysgu Nantgarw

16 September 2023

Dear Accreditation Panel Members,

I am writing to apply for Dentist with Enhanced Skills in Oral Surgery accreditation. In support I enclose my portfolio, the contents of which is set out on page i-iii.

My motivation for pursuing DES accreditation in Oral Surgery is to demonstrate my competence in delivering Tier 2 level treatments independently within the NHS, and to prove my commitment to a career in Oral Surgery. My long-term goal is to advance through Oral Surgery Speciality Training, with the ultimate aspiration of becoming a Consultant Oral Surgeon within NHS Wales.

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Entry to Speciality Training in Oral Surgery is highly competitive, given the limited annual positions and the pool of skilled candidates nationwide. I believe that achieving DES-OS accreditation will strengthen my future applications for Speciality Training by demonstrating my solid foundation of core surgical skills, and my dedication to the field of Oral Surgery. Furthermore, accreditation would support me in seeking opportunities to work as a Tier 2 Oral Surgery provider within the NHS in Wales. Should I be unsuccessful in securing a Speciality Training place in the coming cycle, I intend to explore opportunities to contribute to intermediate-tier oral surgery services at the end of my current Oral & Maxillofacial Surgery post.

Through my previous Dental Core Training posts in Oral Surgery and Oral & Maxillofacial Surgery, I have received one-on-one clinical Oral Surgery teaching in both intermediate and secondary care settings. I have also gained experience in treating patients with a range of comorbidities that preclude them from receiving care in a General Dental Practice setting. During these posts, feedback from my clinical supervisors has been very positive and encouraging of my goal to pursue a career in the speciality. I have actively sought out opportunities to gain complementary skills, including via enrolment in an IV and RA Sedation programme, completing the Train the Clinical Trainer qualification, and gaining a Level 3 Certificate in Cryotherapy. I am comfortable carrying out Tier 2A level Oral Surgery procedures unsupported, and am confident in my ability to recognise the limits of my clinical competence and to refer onwards where it is in the patient's best interests. I have included a range of evidence to support this within the attached portfolio.

I look forward to receiving your feedback and will take on board any guidance the panel may have for my future development.

Yours sincerely,

