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Dear colleague

The Doctors and Dentist Pay Review Body (DDRB) has recommended a 3% uplift to salary scales for NHS medical and dental staff for 2020/21. I am pleased to confirm that this year, the DDRB's recommendation, which is above the Scottish Public Sector Pay Policy, has been accepted in full.

This year's pay award is made in recognition of an exceptional and challenging year for NHS dentists and to support your continued dedication to providing excellent clinical care to patients. When the award is implemented it will be backdated until 1 April 2021.

The final arrangements for making the pay award to General Dental Practitioners will be confirmed to you in due course.

I hope this is helpful.

Yours sincerely

Tom Ferris  
Chief Dental Officer

