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**Dental Foundation Training (DFT) Primary Care Equipment Guidance**

In addition to the expected equipment any dentist in primary care would have, the following list has been issued to demonstrate equipment that the NHS England (Yorkshire and the Humber) School of Dentistry would expect a Foundation Dentist to have access to.

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| Item | Essential | Desirable | Rationale |
| Computer based clinical records | X |  | For audit purposes |
| Fully integrated digital radiography |  | X | For assessment purposes, audit and presentations |
| Practice based internet access | X |  | For ePortfolio completion and general eLearning |
| Digital photography and appropriate camera, lenses, mirrors, retractors | X |  | For assessment purposes and presentations |
| Intraoral camera |  | X | For patient education and clinical case discussions |
| Medical emergency drugs as per Resusc Council Guidance | X |  | Best practice |
| Defibrillator and adult pads (and spare set) | X |  | Best practice |
| Paediatric pads for defibrillator (or equivalent) |  | X | Best practice should be risk assessed |
| Surgical kit:  Handpiece, bur, irrigant scalpel, retractor, periosteal elevator, tooth tissue forceps, sutures, narrow tipped aspirator tips | X |  | To enable best practice teaching |
| Stainless Steel Crowns | X |  | To enable best practice teaching |
| Facebow & Semi-adjustable articulator or facility to loan from Dental Laboratory | X |  | To develop skills in occlusal analysis. |
| Composite matrix systems (Sectional matrix) | X |  | FD will be taught to use this system to improve direct composite placement |
| Ambidextrous dental chair available | X |  | Suitable for left or right handed FDs |
| Rotary Endodontic system Hand files,Master/ Accessory points/ spreaders/ NaClO irrigant/rubber dam & clamps/oroseal or equivalent. | X |  | FD will be taught rotary endo, this will enable them to gain more experience in this skill |
| Rectangular collimation and beam aiming devices | X |  | Reduces patient radiation dose |
| Thermometer | X |  | To check for Pyrexia when issuing antimicrobial prescriptions. |
| Practices should provide their FD with the facility to take part in online teaching sessions, this should include adequate internet, a web camera and microphone/speakers to enable engagement | X |  | For online teaching |

Some Educational Supervisors (ES) in the past have set aside a small budget for the FD so that they can purchase materials and equipment which they have experience with or would like to try; this is to be recommended and encourage since it not only affords the FD an opportunity to research new materials and gain experience but also offers a route into tutorials based around practice expenses.