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**Requested:**

1. Please advise if HDUHB funding is a revenue cost for staffing only?
2. Please advise the nature of grant funding for dental practices eg does the NHS provide building purchase costs? (a copy of such an application form might be illuminating)
3. Is there a time limit on NHS grant capital costs before dental practices can become private?
4. If there is a time limit and practices have had an opportunity to build up goodwill AND retain a proportion of those patients privately thereafter, do the HDUHB request a proportional return on the tangible goodwill asset?

**Response:**

1. NHS Dental Practices are independent businesses that hold a contract with Hywel Dda University Health Board (UHB). Funding is calculated based on an agreed, specified amount of NHS dental activity to be delivered by the contract holder, on an annual basis, for the term of the contract. NHS Dental Contracts are a revenue based funding stream that allows the Dental Practice to discharge the contract money to deliver services. Any underperformance is recovered at the end of each financial year.
- 2.- 4. The UHB can confirm there is no grant or capital funding provided to NHS Dental Practices. Business premises are the responsibility of the contract holder.