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### **Response to National Dental Performers List (Capita) EDM 977 – March 2017**

Thank you for contacting me about the National Dental Performers List and EDM 977.

Parliamentary Private Secretaries do not, by convention, sign any Early Day Motions, as doing so is likely to breach the Ministerial Code's rules on collective responsibility. However, as you may know, everyone who performs primary care in England needs a performer number to provide care under an NHS contract.

NHS England is responsible for maintaining the performer lists and managing applications to those lists. I know that NHS England contracted with Capita in 2015 for Capita to manage aspects of this on its behalf.

I am aware that NHS England acknowledges that there have been some serious delays in the Performer List application process and they have been working closely with Capita to urgently improve services and where necessary, intervening to accelerate progress. This has included strengthening the management arrangements while also increasing staffing levels and special arrangements to ensure that foundation trainees are not delayed in taking up placements.

NHS England is carrying out an urgent evaluation of the consequences of the delays associated with the processing of dental performers applications and this will include consideration of whether and to whom any compensation should be offered.

I hope this provides some reassurance and thank you again for taking the time to contact me.

Kind regards,

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