EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

These regulations make amendments (regulation 2(2)(a) and (b)) to the National Health Service (Vocational Training for General Dental Practice) (Scotland) Regulations 2004 (the "principal regulations") in consequence of the consolidation and re-enactment of the National Health Service (General Dental Services) (Scotland) Regulations 1996 (S.I. 1996/177) by the National Health Service (General Dental Services) (Scotland) Regulations 2010 (the "2010 regulations"), (S.S.I. 2010/208).

They also make amendments to the principal regulations to allow NHS Education for Scotland (defined as "the Board" in those regulations) to issue a vocational training orthodontic number to a dentist wishing to specialise in orthodontic treatments on the dental list prepared by the health board under the 2010 regulations (regulation 2(2)(c) and (d), (3), (4) (except 2(4)(d)) and (5)) and consequential amendments to the 2010 regulations to permit such dentists who wish to specialise to be entered into such lists (regulation 2(6)).

The regulations make an amendment (regulation 2(4)(d)) to regulation 2(3)(a) of the principal regulations updating a reference to the provisions of section 15 of the Dentists Act 1984 (c.24) in consequence of amendments to that section by regulation 112 of the European Qualifications (Health and Social Care Professions) Regulations 2007 (S.I. 2007/3101).