Structured reference to assess knowledge of English

One of the requirements of registration with the General Dental Council (GDC) is that all dental professionals have the necessary knowledge of English to practice the profession. To enable us to effectively assess this applicant's English language skills, please fill out this form in as much detail as possible.

By completing this form, you are confirming that at least 75% of the applicant's day to day interaction with patients, carers, their families and other healthcare professionals in your employment or under your supervision has been in English.

You must provide examples to illustrate how each of the four skills of speaking, listening, writing and reading have been demonstrated or this form will not be accepted.

Applicant's name												
About the referee	•											
Name												
Occupation												
Place of employment												
Telephone number												
Email address This should be an official work email address not a webmail address such as hotmail or Googlemail												
Do you hold registration with the GDC? Yes/No If 'yes' please provide your GDC registration number:												
Are you registered with another UK or an overseas healthcare regulator?		Yes/No If 'yes' Registration number: Name of regulator:										
Relationship to applicar employer, tutor on a cou												
Dates supervising applicant From: To:												
Type of employment/study that the applicant was engaged in ☐ Full time ☐ Part time				e								

Data Protection

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About the applicant's English language skills

English necessary to practise in the UK?	☐ Yes	□ No
Does the applicant have the knowledge of English necessary to practise in the UK? If you have answered no, please provide reasons	Yes	No No

Speaking skills

demonstrated their knowledge of English in this area. You may be asked to provide evidence of this. If only the boxes are ticked this form will not be accepted.			
☐ Speaking with patients and carers			
Speaking with dental colleagues and other healthcare professionals			
☐ Case presentation			
□ Other			

Listening skills

Please tick which evidence you have witnessed and explain how the applicant has demonstrated their knowledge of English in this area. You may be asked to provide evidence of this. If only the boxes are ticked this form will not be accepted.			
☐ Attendance at lectures/presentations			
☐ Discussions with patients and carers			
Discussions with colleagues and other healthcare professionals			
☐ Effective taking of patient histories			
□ Other			

Writing skills

Please tick which evidence you have witnessed and explain how the applicant has demonstrated their knowledge of English in this area. You may be asked to provide evidence of this. If only the boxes are ticked this form will not be accepted.			
☐ Written advice to patients and carers			
Written advice/information for dental colleagues or other healthcare professionals			
☐ Journal articles/ reviews			
☐ Critical incident reports, audits			
☐ Standard operating procedures			
□ Other			

Reading skills

Please tick which evidence you have witnessed and explain how the applicant has demonstrated their knowledge of English in this area. You may be asked to provide evidence of this. If only the boxes are ticked this form will not be accepted.				
☐ Presentations at journal clubs				
☐ Summaries of journal articles				
Clinical research				
□ Other				

Referee declaration

The information I have provided in this document is correct and true.

I agree to the GDC carrying out checks, including checks to verify the information I have given.

Signature	Date
Name and address of organisation/company/establishment	Official stamp