Type of contract	Advantages	Disadvantages
PDS	 Access to automatic link to data from NHS Business Services Authority (BSA). Compliant with relevant regulations for primary care services. Consistency of approach with other primary care services. Fully compliant with legislation re performers list, FP17 and patient charge obligations. 	 Safeguarding reliant on the performer being covered by their GDC and other professional standards rather than contracting as there are no explicit requirements. Neither PDS nor PDS Plus contracts have the same requirements with regard to incident reporting as the NHS Standard contract. Existing contract is aimed at GDPs rather than Trusts and needs tailoring. Need to have clinicians on performers list. Need to complete exemption status forms (which can lead to vulnerable patients being fined). Need to collect patient charges.
PDS Plus	 Able to include KPIs. Data automatically provided by BSA. It is possible to tailor wording of KPIs (or thresholds) – but would require local data collection. Consistency of approach with other primary care services. Fully compliant with legislation re performers list, FP17 and patient charge obligations. 	 23 schedules to populate – labour intensive for Commissioners and providers. Safeguarding reliant on the performer being covered by their GDC and other professional standards rather than contracting as there are no explicit requirements. Neither PDS nor PDS Plus contracts have the same requirements with regard to incident reporting as the NHS Standard contract. Existing contract is aimed at GDPs rather than Trusts and needs tailoring. Need to have clinicians on performers list.

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NHS Standard Contract	 NHS Constitution is built in – removes boundary issues. Safeguarding and incident reporting is built into NHS Standard Contract – (and is not present in PDS and PDS Plus contracts unless specifically added). Ability to develop Local Quality and Reporting Requirements. 	 Understood to contravene legal requirements – specifically requirements set out in dental regulations regarding collection of patient charges, completion of FP17s and the need for performers to be on a performers List (for which there is no equivalent requirement for staff working in secondary care dental services). The contract template includes a great deal of content not relevant to dental and includes swathes of irrelevant material. Patient Charge Revenue cannot be collected.