

Community Dental Service **Access criteria**

Medically compromised

We treat patient with complex medical histories:

- Pre/perioperative care prior to medical intervention: Oncology/Cardiology/Transplant
- Acquired and inherited bleeding disorders (under the care of a consultant)
- Prior to commencing on Bisphosphonates if the patient does not have their own dentist
- Rheumatology
- Neurology
- Palliative / terminal care
- Housebound
- Moderate/Severe Dementia/ Alzheimer's

Children with complex dental anomalies and those requiring behaviour management

- amelogenesis imperfecta
- dentinogenesis imperfecta
- hypodontia imperfecta
- other anomalies requiring a specialist paediatric opinion
- complex dental trauma
- Cleft lip and palate

Special Needs

We treat patients with special needs who have one of the following conditions or accessing services:

- Moderate to Severe Learning impairment
- Challenging behaviour (requires specialist intervention to access dental care)
- Referrals from multidisciplinary teams
- Referrals from group homes
- Referrals from special schools

Severely physically disabled

We treat patients whose physical condition prevents the patient accessing dental services without additional support or specialist equipment:

- Housebound
- Paraplegic
- Wheelchair users who are unable to transfer unaided into the dental chair
- BMI >40 or with a BMI of between 30-40 where there are additional health needs; with the additional health needs being the primary reason for referral.

Mental illness

We provide treatment for patients who have an acute or long term mental illness which affects their ability to live a normal life.

Inpatients:

- Acute
- Forensic services
- Detained

Outpatients

- CAMHS
- Adults who are currently accessing mental health service

Vulnerable / Hard to reach groups

We also accept referrals from a number of vulnerable or hard to reach groups:

- Looked after children
- Child protection cases

Other special needs groups:

- Refugees/ Asylum seekers (via Bevan House / Piccadilly project / Associated projects).
- Patient accessing substance misuse programmes/ services
- Working women project.
- Homeless
- Bradford Targeted Early Help Team (children under 18 years)

All referrals to the dental service will be triaged; referrers and patients will be contacted to confirm the referral has been accepted / rejected. If the referral is rejected we will clearly state the reason for this and signpost to other services, if appropriate.

If accepted for care within the Community Dental Service all patients will be discharged from the service at the end of a one course of treatment unless they are unable to manage routine examinations and preventative care in the General Dental Service.

The Community Dental Service **does not** provide treatment for fit and healthy patients; patients who do not have a regular dentist should contact:

- www.nhs.uk
- Patient who require emergency treatment should ring free phone '111'