

Guidelines for referral into Specialist dental services for Special Care and Paediatric Dentistry within the Primary Care Dental Service: covering Bristol, South Gloucestershire, North Somerset and BANES.

UHBW Primary Care Dental Service holds contracts with the local commissioners to provide comprehensive dental care for adults and children who **cannot** access routine dental care in regular dental practices due to their additional health or social needs.

We provide care to these patients across several sites, including, Southmead, Charlotte Keel (Easton), Yate, Bath and Weston-Super-Mare (see website for further details)

To enable us to provide care to this group, we can therefore only accept patients who meet our acceptance criteria **and** have not been able to access care within a general dental practice (please **specify the reason on the referral form**)

Our Acceptance criteria includes:

- Severely Medically compromised patients including patients with a bleeding disorder.
- Patients with severe physical disabilities which may require them to be hoisted into the dental chair/ require a wheel-chair for mobility.
- Patients with a Learning Disability
- Patients with an Autistic Spectrum disorder
- Adults with Dementia
- Children with a high caries rate and low tolerance for stabilisation
- Behavioural problems in children, eg. ADHD
- Patients with a diagnosed mental health disorder currently/ previously under Psychiatric care.
- Domiciliary care for house bound patients only

We **do not** accept referrals for:

- Conscious sedation – this is a clinical decision per patient, and we are not commissioned to provide this as a stand-alone service
- Failed attempts for denture construction
- Adults with a high caries rate for stabilisation
- Bariatric care – no bariatric chair or facilities in PCDS
- Phobic patients unless they otherwise meet our acceptance criteria
- Children requiring GA - please refer to the Paediatric Department at BDH.
- Orthodontic Extractions
- Routine treatment for children unless the child meets the criteria above.

Treatments provided routinely within PCDS for patients meeting acceptance criteria:

- Caries stabilisation and treatment including Minimally Invasive caries management
- Routine non surgical extractions
- Acrylic partial / complete denture construction
- Periodontal stabilisation and treatment
- Oral hygiene promotion
- Stainless Steel Crowns for Paediatric patients
- Topical Fluoride application
- Inhalational Sedation/ Intra-venous sedation * at selected sites
- Endodontic treatment of teeth 1-5
- Emergency care

Treatments not routinely provided:

- Molar Endodontic treatment
- Crown and Bridgework
- Chrome dentures
- Implants
- Teeth whitening
- Surgical extractions

New Patient referrals will be triaged against this criteria and any referrals which do not meet our “acceptance criteria” will be rejected and sent back to the GDP.

Some patients may be accepted for a single Course of Treatment and then referred back to the GDP for ongoing maintenance and care, depending on their special care needs. We will inform both the patient and GDP regarding this.