

COMMUNITY DENTAL SERVICE

Information and Guidance for Referrers

The Community Dental Service (CDS) provides dental treatment for children and adults who, for various reasons, cannot access the dental treatment they need in a General Dental Practice. We currently have six clinics Citywide, all of which are wheelchair accessible and have free parking.

We have a Consultant-led paediatric dentistry service and a Specialist-led adult special care dentistry service. We also have inhalational sedation and general anaesthetic facilities for children and adults but do not offer an intravenous (IV) sedation service.

Please note that the CDS cannot provide domiciliary dental care but may, on occasion, carry out assessments on a domiciliary basis for patients requiring treatment under general anaesthetic.

Accepted patients will be offered an initial assessment appointment and, if appropriate, a course of treatment. Eligibility for continuing care with the CDS will be re-assessed on completion of each course of treatment. Patients who no longer fall within the CDS remit will be discharged, or referred to dental services appropriate to their needs.

Patients who fail to attend one or more appointments may be discharged in accordance with Trust guidelines.

IMPORTANT

- Patients will only be treated if they fall within the remit of the CDS (outlined on page 2).
- Patients using the service will be liable to pay any NHS dental charges.
- Referrals can be from General Dental Practitioners, General Medical Practitioners or other Health or Social Care professionals.
- To be eligible to be seen within Leeds CDS, patients must be registered with a GP who has a Leeds, BD4, BD11, WF3 or WF10 (Allerton Bywater) postcode.

How to refer

Complete the relevant Dentist or Non-Dentist Referral form, which can now be sent directly to the Dental Office at St George's Centre by post, secure e-mail (eg from "nhs.net" accounts) or fax.

Please complete as much information as possible relevant to the referral, including relevant medical history and details of parent/legal guardian, and any other health or social care professionals involved in the patient's care. This can be especially helpful when dealing with vulnerable patients. If the patient requires an interpreter or has specific mobility requirements with regards to needing a hoist or wheelchair tipper, please make sure this is also specified.

Patients whose only problem is finding an NHS Dentist should be given the **Dental Advice Line telephone number 0800 298 5787**. They will be able to give guidance as to how to access an NHS General Dental Practitioner. They also hold a list of practices with ground floor access.

CDS Contact Details

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Referral criteria for Children up to 16 years of age

Category	Definition
Medical Problems	Children with medical problems affecting delivery of dental care requiring Consultant or Specialist-led treatment planning.
Extensive dental decay	Children with early childhood decay or decay affecting many teeth. These patients will usually be discharged once dentally fit.
Social Problems/ Looked After Children or Vulnerable Children	Social problems requiring professional input. Referrers in these cases will be expected to be proactive in ensuring attendance.
Learning Disability/ Autistic Spectrum Disorders	Patients with learning disability where cooperation for dental examination and treatment is compromised.
Anxiety/Phobia	Patients who are anxious or phobic about dental treatment, including those who may require general anaesthesia or inhalation sedation for routine treatment. Eligibility for continuing CDS treatment will be reviewed after completion of a course of treatment.
Mobility Problems	All patients requiring a hoist for transfer, or wheelchair tipper.
Other dental problems requiring Consultant or Specialist-led care	Developmental defects, dental anomalies, complex dental trauma, periodontal diseases, soft tissue pathology.

Referral Criteria for Adults

Category	Definition
Mental Health Problems	Adult patients currently being treated in an acute setting, e.g. Newsam Centre, The Mount, Becklin Wing as an in-patient or closely supervised out-patient. Adult patients living in supported accommodation and unable to live independently without supervision. Patients will only be seen with an escort in attendance.
Learning Disability	Adults with mild, moderate or severe learning disability where cooperation is compromised. Patients are likely to be accessing support services for their learning disability.
Anxiety/Phobia	Adult patients with anxiety or dental phobia which may or may not require general anaesthesia or sedation for routine treatment. Patients must be ASA I or II. Eligibility for continuing CDS treatment will be reviewed after completion of a course of treatment.
Medically Compromised	Adults with medical problems affecting the delivery of dental care. Patients usually fall into ASA III.
Elderly	Elderly or frail patients for whom daily tasks are stressful or difficult e.g. walking, shopping. The patient must be able to attend a dental surgery.
Tipper/Bariatric	Tipper: Patients who, through physical disability, have a compromised body posture or are in moulded wheelchairs making dental treatment challenging. Bariatric: Patients who weigh more than 18st (114 kg) up to a maximum of 31 st (196 kg).