Primary Care Dental Services

NHS GG&C Special Care Dentistry

As services recover in a gradual and limited fashion post COVID-19, here is a list of patients that we will accept and those which at the present time we will not accept for treatment. Please read in conjunction with our referral guidance.

Whilst access to face to face clinical care is reduced, we are happy to discuss cases and advice can be sought from a senior special care clinician by phoning 0141 314 6669.

Patients may initially have a virtual consultation to assist in diagnosing and managing their complaint.

All patients with an urgent suspicion of cancer, should be referred to Maxillofacial Surgery.

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| Patients that we will prioritise |
| Patients that will be seen as routine |
| Patients that we will not accept at the current time |

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|  | Emergency and urgent treatment for patients with additional care needs who cannot be managed in GDS |
|  | Emergency and urgent referrals from hospital medical and surgical specialists |
|  | Dental treatment for patients where a delay to treatment would be detrimental to the patient’s medical condition or behaviour |
|  | Pre procedure assessment of patients that cannot be managed in GDS  Cardiac and general oncology patients should be assessed as usual and referred only if their care cannot be managed in GDS |
|  | Urgent dental treatment for patients with medical co-morbidities where liaison will be required with medical specialties |
|  | Review of patient awaiting treatment under general anaesthetic |
|  | Adults at risk who cannot access oral healthcare in GDS |
|  | Assessment of patients with additional needs who require dental treatment under GA |
|  | Assessment of patients with additional needs who require dental treatment under sedation |
|  | **There is currently very limited access to GA and sedation.** |
|  | Assessment and treatment of patients with physical disabilities who require the use of mechanical aids not available in GDS. |
|  | Assessment and treatment of patients with learning disabilities where the patient cannot be managed within GDS |
|  | Assessment and treatment of patients with mental health problems where the patient cannot be managed within GDS |
|  | Assessment and treatment of patients with significant medical compromise where the patient cannot be managed within GDS |
|  | Assessment and treatment of frail older patients where the patient cannot be managed within GDS |
|  | Assessment of patients requiring domiciliary care  Patients in care homes should contact the GDP responsible for that care home in the first instance |
|  | Routine primary care and prevention |
|  | Treatment under sedation for cognitively able adults who can access emergency care |
|  | Treatment for patients on anticoagulants and anti-platelets drugs. See SDCEP guidance: <https://www.sdcep.org.uk/published-guidance/anticoagulants-and-antiplatelets/> |
|  | Treatment for patients on anti-resrptive medication. See SDCEP guidance: <https://www.sdcep.org.uk/published-guidance/medication-related-osteonecrosis-of-the-jaw/> |
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