

NHS Dental Registration Policy

Please note, under NHS guidelines, there is no registration period for patients and patients are not registered under the NHS.

Due to the high number of people wishing to receive NHS dental treatment and ever-increasing waiting times, we feel it is fairest to allocate our limited NHS resources and prioritise dental care for patients who have attended the practice on a regular basis.

As a result, we have no choice but to de-register patients who have not attended the practice for NHS dental care for three years or more.

If it has been more than 3 years since you have seen us, you have the option to join our NHS waiting list, however please note that waiting times are significant and we currently have no indication if or when you would be eligible for further NHS care with us.

You have the alternative option of dental care independent of the NHS, whereby we don't have the same constraints of limitations on patients we are able to treat and have reduced waiting times and more flexibility for appointments.

Check list for remaining as an NHS dental patient:

- attend all your appointments or cancel well in advance (at least 24 hours notice needed)
- always book your next appointment before you leave the practice
- keep your contact details up to date, especially email address and phone number
- make sure you visit your dentist regularly