

Oral Surgery PDS Pilot

Special Edition News Sheet

Dear Colleagues

Oral Surgery Pilot developments & Information on Referrals of Children to HSOS Practices for the Management of Pre-Orthodontic Surgical Exposures/ Extractions.

Evaluation of the first two phases of the High Street Oral Surgery (HSOS) PDS Pilot, which ran from October 2017 to September 2018, show the following outcomes:

- improved patient access across all 5 LCG areas
- an increase in Level 2 treatments (full range of treatments is as described below)
- a reduction in oral surgery referrals to secondary care
- financial efficiencies for the Health Service

As a result, further funding has been secured to allow the Pilot to continue for a third phase from October 2018 to March 2019. I am pleased to report that as well as continuing to maintain increased Level 2 activity volumes the funding for this period will allow the HSOS practices to deliver approximately 500 **pre-orthodontic surgical exposures and extractions**. For many patients, mostly children, this arrangement will help prevent delayed orthodontic treatment due to long waiting times for Trust Oral Surgery services.

As explained in the referral guidelines overleaf GPs, Community Dentist, Orthodontists and Trust OS/OFMS Consultants may refer to the pilot practices both new and existing patients, i.e. those currently on Trust waiting lists. This is subject to patient agreement and to the HSCB funding allocation and/or capacity within the preferred HSOS practice. The list of pilot practices is on page 3. To ensure optimum outcomes for patients and professionals alike good communication is key and I would ask that you adhere to the referral guidelines overleaf as well as the post-treatment requirements set out on page 3.

Thank you for your support in this.

Michael Donaldson
Head of Dental Services

The Oral Surgery Pilot delivers the following LEVEL 2 procedures/conditions:

- Surgical removal of uncomplicated third molars involving bone removal
- Surgical removal of buried roots and fractured or residual root fragments
- Management and surgical removal of uncomplicated ectopic teeth (including supernumerary teeth)
- Management and surgical exposure of teeth to include bonding of orthodontic bracket or chain
- Surgical endodontics
- Minor soft tissue surgery to remove apparent non-suspicious lesions with appropriate histopathological assessment and diagnosis.

Guidelines for Referring Practitioners:

Referring practitioners are asked to pay due regard to the following:

- The patient should be **18 years or under** at the time of referral.
- The patient should require **surgical treatment of Level 2 complexity**.
- Level 1 (non-surgical) orthodontic extractions should be managed by GDS practices and are not suitable for referral.
- The patient should be **assessed by an orthodontic specialist prior to the oral surgery referral and the orthodontist's treatment plan should accompany the oral surgery referral**.
- The patient should be appropriately assessed and deemed as not requiring general anaesthetic.
- The patient should be **agreeable to and capable of receiving treatment under local anaesthetic**.
- The patient should be made aware that Health Services charges and exemptions will apply.
- The patient must be given the **choice of pilot practice** (availability of individual pilot practice may change according to their capacity as the pilot proceeds)
- For patients requiring a bracket and gold chain current SDR arrangements will apply.
- The patient should be aware of the position regarding IV sedation, i.e. as previously stated by the Chief Dental Officer, Simon Reid, sedation should be provided under GDS if clinically indicated but that outside of these circumstances the GDS/PDS Regulations do not prevent private fees being claimed for IV sedation.
- We would encourage practitioners to identify and refer to HSOS practices **suitable** patients that they have previously referred to Trust Oral Surgery services but who have not yet been seen.
- Patients should **not** be removed from Trust waiting lists until their treatment by an HSOS practice is completed. The HSOS will be required to notify the referrer within 5 working days that treatment is completed and the referrer should then advise the Trust to which the patient had originally been referred, so that the patient can be removed from the waiting list.
- Level 3 cases, i.e. Level 2 patients with additional modifying factors or greater surgical complexity may be directly referred to Hospital Dental Services by a GDP or may require onward referral by an HSOS
- Whilst the re-referral of relevant patients currently on Trust Oral Surgery waiting lists is acceptable under this scheme, referrers and their patients should be aware that should the pilot practice deem them unsuitable for treatment in Primary Care they will remain on the Trust waiting list.

Post Treatment Requirements:

The HSOS practice must notify the referrer within 5 working days that the patient's treatment is completed

In the case of a patient from a Trust waiting list, following completion of treatment as confirmed by the HSOS practice, the referring practitioner is expected to notify the relevant Trust that the patient has received treatment and may therefore be removed from the Trust Oral Surgery waiting list. Trust Oral Surgery OMFS services contact details are available on the BSO website at the following address: http://www.hscbusiness.hscni.net/pdf/Appendix_3_-_OM_Trust_Contact_Details_version_4_-_22_August_2013.pdf

Oral Surgery PDS Pilot Practices

The following specialist Oral Surgery Practices are participating in Phase 3 of the Oral Surgery PDS Pilot. You should contact them directly regarding your pilot referrals.

Curran Oral Dental Surgery

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Belfast

BT9 6GR

Pilot Lead: Martin Curran

028 9066 7979

South Down Dental Clinic

Customs House

22 Merchant's Quay

Newry

Pilot Lead: Paula McHenry

028 3025 1715

Ballymena Specialist Dental Clinic

19 George Street

Ballymena

BT43 5AP

Pilot Lead: Mark Diamond

028 2565 2044

Fortwilliam Clinic

354 Antrim Road

Belfast

BT15 5AE

Pilot Lead: Mark Diamond

028 9037 1517

Rosconnor Specialist Clinic

21 Portrush Road

Ballymoney

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Pilot Lead: Jason Henry

0758 4260301

Rosconnor Specialist Clinic

Lis Linn Healthy Living Centre

Londonderry

BT48 9QQ

Pilot Lead: Jason Henry

028 7137 8963

We will seek your feedback on the pilot over the coming months. However, if you would like to speak to someone in the meantime please contact the Oral Surgery Pilot Project Manager on 028 9536 2608 or at diane.mckillen@hscni.net