

Oral Surgery PDS Pilot

Special Edition News Sheet

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Reminder: Oral Surgery Pilot Practices are accepting referrals of Children for the Management of Pre-Orthodontic Surgical Exposures/ Extractions until 31 March 2019.

Further to previous correspondence please be aware that funding for treatment of pre-orthodontic exposures and extractions by Oral Surgery Practices is time-limited and currently runs only to 31 March 2019. While we are hopeful of securing funding for beyond this period, at this stage there is no guarantee of this.

We would like to encourage you to identify and refer suitable patients, as assessed by an Orthodontist, through to one of the Oral Surgery practices below as soon as possible:

Curran Oral Dental Surgery

434 Lisburn Road

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

BT53 6BX

Pilot Lead: Jason Henry

0758 4260301

Rosconnor Specialist Clinic

Lis Linn Healthy Living Centre

Londonderry

BT48 9QQ

Pilot Lead: Jason Henry

028 7137 8963

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 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 is 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>