



Health and
Social Care

New European legislation now affects the choice of filling materials used for the dental treatment of patients under 15 years old, and pregnant or breastfeeding women

These regulations are part of a worldwide agreement to help to reduce global environmental pollution caused by mercury; and are not a result of any safety concerns about amalgam fillings for dental patients.

To reduce dental amalgam use your dentist or dental therapist will now not normally use dental amalgam to fill cavities in teeth unless it is in your best interest. Other materials might be used for certain types of cavities, but dental amalgam is still the most effective filling material to use in some situations.

Please speak to the dental team for further information