Dental Referrals

DENTAL REFERRAL FOR THAMES VALLEY

GETTING YOUR SMILE BACK

Your dentist has referred you for specialist dental treatment. But before the treatment can happen we need to check the referral to find out the best way to get you smiling again.

One of our dentally trained Consultants will view your referral and decide the best place for you to be seen. All our Consultants work in hospitals and are specialists in the type of referrals they are assessing.

For some patients it might be that your treatment can be undertaken in primary care by your family dentist, in which case our consultant will write back to your dentist advising them of this.

Many referrals will require specialist care. Our Consultant will assess your needs and then recommend a treatment plan that will be shared with you. You will then be offered a choice of specialist practice.

Sometimes, a procedure isnt available on the NHS or is limited to certain patient groups, we will write your dentist if this is the case.

For others - especially if you have complex dental conditions requiring treatment by more than one type of specialist - it will be clear that hospital treatment is the best option and we'll send your referral directly to a hospital.

WHO ARE DENTAL REFERRALS

We are a team of dental professionals working with your local dentist to make sure that when you need specialist dental treatment that you get the right treatment as quickly and as close to home as possible. Our job is to make sure you are directed to the most appropriate service for your treatment.

YOUR UNIQUE REFERENCE NUMBER

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Make sure your URN is written in the space above. You need your URN to track your referral assessment online. Its three letters and seven numbers! KEEP ME HANDY!

LOCATION

In Thames Valley we have a number of locations where specialist restorative treatment can be provided. If the Consultant feels you need a specialist care you will be offered a choice of locations across Thames Valley. Specialists often require specialist equipment (such as dental microscopes which are not easily transportable) so not all practices are able to offer specialist treatment as a result. You may have to travel some distance for your appointments.

DELAYS

There are a limited number of specialist dentists in Thames Valley. There may be a wait before they can see you for treatment though you should be seen within 8 weeks.

HOW TO GET IN TOUCH

Email us at **d.referrals@nhs.net** . Visit us at **www.dental-referrals.org**. Our website tells you more about what we do, and also lets you track with the handy URN tool.