

## REFERRAL CRITERIA FOR THE COMMUNITY DENTAL SERVICE

The Community Dental Service provides dental care for those individuals whose needs cannot be met by the General Dental Service and who reside within North and North East Lincolnshire. This may be provided in a single course of treatment or offered as continuing care. The following groups will be accepted:

1. Adults and children who have a disability or compromising medical problems, this will include those with:
  - a. A learning disability
  - b. Physical or neurodisability
  - c. Serious mental health problems
  - d. Complex medical problems which affect their oral health and the delivery of oral health care, which means that they are unable to access dental treatment from a General Dental Practitioner.
2. Looked after Children who cannot receive their care in a General Dental Practice
3. Adults and children who require conscious sedation for their dental care. These services are provided using:
  - a. Inhalation sedation with nitrous oxide/oxygen
  - b. Intravenous sedation using midazolam only (for patients aged 16 and above)

Patients referred for conscious sedation in a community clinic must be ASA I or II. Those with more serious medical conditions will be treated during one of our hospital sessions.

4. Individuals with complex social problems including those affected by homelessness and addiction problems
5. Patients who require a domiciliary visit due to severe mobility problems, advanced medical conditions, dementia or frailty
6. Patients who require a general anaesthetic for their treatment. This will be limited to adults and children with special needs (comprehensive care) and paediatric exodontia (dental extractions).

Patients who are referred into the Community Dental Service are normally offered an initial assessment appointment.

At present referrals are accepted from those working in health, socialcare, education and the 'third sector'.

Referrals should be made on our referral form with as much detail about the patient as possible, including current dental problems, medical history and medication as well as any relevant social details.

Referrals can be posted to either the ironstone centre (Scunthorpe area) or Cromwell Primary Care Centre (Grimsby area).

If you prefer to email please send to [Nlg-tr.communitydentalservice@nhs.net](mailto:Nlg-tr.communitydentalservice@nhs.net)

The addresses for the four community based clinics are:

Community Dental Dept  
Ironstone Centre  
West Street  
Scunthorpe  
North Lincolnshire  
DN15 6HX  
Tel: 01724 292120

Community Dental Dept  
Ashby Clinic  
Collum Lane  
Scunthorpe  
North Lincolnshire  
DN16 2SZ  
Tel: 01724 742376

Community Dental Dept  
Cromwell Road Primary Care Centre  
Cromwell Road  
Grimsby  
North East Lincolnshire  
DN31 2BH  
Tel: 01472 255680

Community Dental Dept  
Cleethorpes Primary Care Centre  
St Hugh's Avenue  
Cleethorpes  
North East Lincolnshire  
DN35 8EB  
Tel: 03033 302630

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