Minor Oral Surgery Specialist Service

Welcome to the Community Dental Services Minor Oral Surgery Specialist Service which is offered on behalf of NHS England in Bedfordshire.

This service is available to patients who have a registered GP within our Area Team; Herts, Beds, Luton, Northants or Milton Keynes. Patients are treated by a specialist oral surgeon in the comfort of a dental practice environment. All treatment is carried out under local anaesthetic and patients are not put to sleep.

The Clinical Team

The treatment at Houghton Regis is carried out by Dr Neeta Patel, our specialist oral surgeon, with a team of dental nurses and support staff.

Dr Patel qualified as a dentist in 1989 and went on to train as an oral surgeon. She has worked in a number of hospitals around the country and has experience of all aspects of oral and maxillofacial surgery.

Why come to a dental practice?

Many of the oral surgery procedures previously carried out in a hospital environment can now be offered safely and effectively in a normal dental setting by a fully qualified oral surgeon.

This prevents patients having to attend hospital unnecessarily, cutting down on waiting times and allowing treatment to be offered closer to home.

This is what one of our patients said recently:

Neeta and the girls put my mind at rest and so did the receptionist. I felt nothing and the problem was solved in no time.

What treatment do you offer?

The following treatment can be carried out in the Minor Oral Surgery Service:

- Difficult extractions
- Removal of buried roots
- Removal of impacted / ectopic / supernumerary teeth
- Orthodontic exposures
- TMJ problem management
- Alveoplasties
- Apicectomies
- Removal of wisdom teeth

Please be aware that we cannot provide Minor Oral Surgery under sedation at Houghton Regis – please contact our referrals administrator on 01234 310264 if you believe you have been referred in error.

How do I get an appointment?

Your dentist will have referred you into this service because they feel that the treatment you need should be carried out by a specialist.

All referrals are examined by our clinical team to assess if they are suitable for our service.

If the referral is suitable for treatment in our clinic, our referrals administrator will contact you to arrange a suitable appointment.

We expect to contact you on receipt of the referral to offer you an appointment within 4 weeks. Please feel free to contact us at any point should you have any queries.

Some patients may require more complex care and will need to be treated in hospital. If this is the case, your referral will be forwarded to your local hospital, who will contact you.

How much will it cost?

As this treatment is carried out on referral from your dentist, it is usually part of an NHS banded course of treatment, and no additional charge will be made.

What if I can’t make my appointment?

If you cannot attend an appointment, please contact the referrals administrator as soon as you know so we can offer you an alternative appointment.

Additional Requirements

If you require any additional support, for example wheelchair access, please contact us to enable us to ensure all your needs are met.
Opening hours
8:50am – 3pm (Tuesdays only)

How to find us
The Bedford Square Centre is located in the Bedford Square shopping precinct. The CDS dental clinic is located in the same building as the library.

Public transport information
0871 200 22 33
www.centralbedfordshire.gov.uk
www.luton.gov.uk

Free car parking
Bedford Square car park, off High Street
Medical Centre car park, off Tithe Farm Road
Both have disabled parking spaces.

Community Dental Services CIC
Community Dental Services is a social enterprise providing high quality specialist dental services to patients. Please see our website for information on:

- Our clinics
- Treatments and specialist services
- Taking care of your mouth
- Access to our services
- How to comment on our services

www.communitydentalservices.co.uk

Contact us
For queries about the Minor Oral Surgery Service, please contact:

Referrals Administrator
Tel: 01234 310264

If you would like information about any other aspect of our dental service please contact:

Dental Services Manager
Community Dental Services CIC
Bedford Heights
Manton Lane
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Information for patients

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Clinic: 01582 512612
Referrals administrator: 01234 310264

Fully wheelchair accessible