

Have you considered referring paediatric dental patients into Birmingham Dental Hospital or Community service for treatment to be carried out by dental students or post-graduates?

Listed below are the screening criteria for suitable patients.

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Paediatric Patient Screening Criteria

Patient Criteria	Suitable for BDS undergraduates	Suitable for School of Dental Hygiene and Therapy
Patient aged below 16- ideal ages 4-13	✓	✓
Living in Birmingham, prepared to travel for several appointments at BDH	✓	✓
Willing to be treated by 4 th year BDS students and /School of Dental Hygiene and Therapy students	✓	✓
Co-operative, not too nervous or nervous child who needs acclimatisation and preventive care prior to inhalation sedation or GA	✓	✓
Post GA preventive care / acclimatisation	✓	✓
Preventive care e.g. Fissure sealants, dietary advice, disclosing and brushing	✓	✓
Microabrasion	✓	✓
Deciduous extractions under LA	✓	✓
Restoration of deciduous and permanent teeth including temporary restoration of first permanent molars until ideal age of extraction (e.g. MIH patients)	✓	✓
Any number of cavities accepted	✓	✓
Pulp treatments , preformed metal crowns, anterior composites	✓	✓
Scaling, polishing, periodontal care, rsd		✓
Monitoring of infra-occluding/submerging deciduous molars	✓	
Monitoring development /hypodontia /space	✓	
Monitoring of Trauma cases or simple initial treatment (not full RCT or calcium hydroxide changes)	✓	
Simple removable appliances (orthodontic or prosthetic)	✓	
Mouthguards, occlusal guards	✓	
Broken appliances	✓	

Treatment will always be carried out to the highest standard, and could be suited to nervous patients who need time to acclimatise. Treatments, where appropriate could be carried out when you may not have suitable equipment or materials within the practice.

Other points of consideration should be that the students would only be on the clinic on specific days and times, so patients would have to fit in with the appointments given. It is no good starting and then dropping out! The patient will need to keep with the same student for the teaching block.

Your referral letter would need to say you are happy for the patient to be treated by a student, and you feel the patient is suitable for treatment by a student.

The parent or guardian and patient would need to be informed and understand the situation and the commitment needed.

There is currently a lull in paediatric patients and the University of Birmingham BDS and School of Dental Hygiene and Therapy would be pleased to accept appropriate patients.