

Special Care

PATIENT PRESENTATION

Patient aged 16 or over presenting with any of the following special care dentistry requirements that cannot be effectively managed within their General Dental Practice, or if requiring advice:

- Bariatric patient (weight out with the limit of practice chairs)
- Domiciliary and bed bound as confirmed by a medical practitioner
- Frail elderly
- Learning disabilities
- Medically compromised (including urgent routine dental care for oncology / bisphosphonate therapy / cardiac patients)
- Mental health
- Physical disabilities

Note: The referring practice is responsible for the provision of emergency dental care and appropriate preventative advice and / or instruction.

Yes

CONSIDER

Has treatment been attempted in General Dental Practice setting?

If treatment has not been attempted, please include explanation of why not on the SCI Gateway referral.

Yes

RADIOGRAPH

Obtain radiograph of tooth requiring treatment (ensure it is adequately labelled). If not able to include radiograph, please provide explanation of why not in referral.

ROUTINE REFERRAL

Please refer patient routinely to "Special Care Dentistry" on SCI Gateway.

Bariatric patients requiring assessment at the bariatric dental suites which are located at Aberdeen Health Village, Fredrick Street, Deveron Dental Care, Huntly and Spynie Dental, Elgin. Please select appropriate tick box.

Domiciliary patients please select appropriate tick box.

General Anaesthetic will only be offered after initial assessment and confirmation of need. Suitable treatments include: Extractions and simple restorative treatment.

No

CONSIDER

Does the patient have significant anxiety about dental treatment?

Yes

ROUTINE REFERRAL

Please refer patient routinely using the [Dental Anxiety](#) pathway.

Further local guidance is available via: [NHS Grampian Hi-Net](#).

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