

Primary Care Dental Service

What we can do for you and your
children

Respecting everyone
Embracing change
Recognising success
Working together
Our hospitals.

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Who we see

- Patients of all ages who find it difficult to access “normal” dentists, because of:
 - Physical disabilities
 - Phobias
 - Mental health or psychiatric problems
 - Complex medical problems
 - High risk of dental decay
 - And lots of other problems that make routine dental care challenging

What we can do

- Routine dental care
- Conscious sedation (at some clinics)
- Specialist paediatric or special care dentistry
- Level access to clinics
- Hoist access to dental chairs
- Refer in to the Dental Hospital or RUH for other specialist services, like general anaesthetic, if necessary

Other things we do

- Apart from dentistry we do:
 - Teaching undergraduate dental students
 - School surveys (including special schools)
 - Oral health promotion activities

Where we are

- We have 7 clinics in Bristol and the surrounding area:
 - Southmead Health Centre
 - Charlotte Keel Health Centre
 - South Bristol Community Hospital
 - Riverside Health Centre (Bath)
 - St Martin's Hospital (Bath)
 - Yate Health Centre
 - Weston General Hospital (W-S-M)

How to access our services

- Your child will need to be referred to us using paperwork available on the UHBristol website
 - <http://www.uhbristol.nhs.uk/patients-and-visitors/your-hospitals/university-of-bristol-dental-hospital/referral-guidelines-and-forms/>
- We can carry on looking after your child for as long as you need us to – into adulthood if necessary – as long as they fit our criteria
- Referrals are triaged centrally and your chosen clinic will then get in touch to arrange an appointment

How to access our services

- If your child needs a visit to the clinic in advance of their first appointment, this can be arranged
- We will need to know your child's exemption status. Most children come under the "18 or under" category. If they are over 18 we will need to know what benefits they receive – not all benefits entitle you to free dental treatment – and the benefits agency WILL check

Further information

- UHBristol PCDS
 - [http://www.uhbristol.nhs.uk/patients-and-visitors/your-hospitals/university-of-bristol-dental-hospital/what-we-do/uh-bristol-primary-care-dental-services-\(pcds\)/](http://www.uhbristol.nhs.uk/patients-and-visitors/your-hospitals/university-of-bristol-dental-hospital/what-we-do/uh-bristol-primary-care-dental-services-(pcds)/)
- Special care dentistry
 - <http://www.bsdh.org/>
- Paediatric dentistry
 - <http://bspd.co.uk/>
- Oral care for special needs
 - http://www.dentocare.co.uk/Specialist/Special-Needs_2