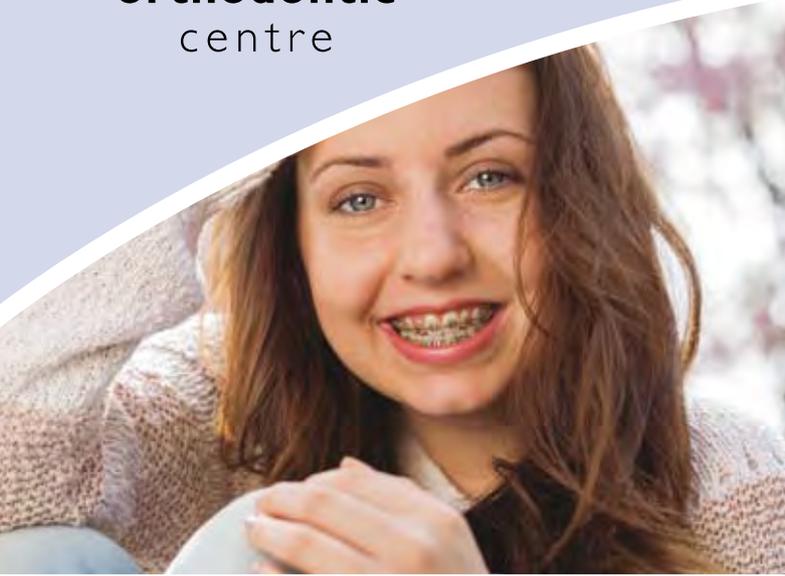




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NHS treatment

When a child is referred to our care the first task is to assess whether they would benefit from orthodontic treatment, if they are ready to start treatment and if they are eligible for government funded NHS treatment. We see them as soon as possible (usually within 10 weeks) to carry out this assessment so that you and your child know your options.

Weston Orthodontic Centre has an NHS contract to provide a limited number of NHS orthodontic treatments per year to patients that are under 18 and that will have a health benefit from having treatment.

There are strict nationally set criteria that patients have to meet to qualify for NHS treatment. The guidelines that all orthodontists use when assessing a patient are called IOTN (Index of treatment need). Please see the British Orthodontic Society's website for more details.

We should make you aware that we do have a waiting list for non-urgent NHS orthodontic treatment. Our NHS funding is set at 2004-2005 levels, since then the population of North Somerset has grown significantly.

If your child is not eligible for NHS treatment or you would prefer not to wait, then you may consider self funding options. We can discuss these options with you.

Adult treatment

Our adult treatments are becoming increasingly popular as more people are finding out that it is never too late to get the beautifully straight smile you have always wanted. Advances in techniques mean that we can help you achieve a great smile using the latest technology in the shortest possible times. A range of affordable treatment options are available.

These include:

Lingual fixed braces which are fitted on the tongue side of your teeth (Incognito)

Removable & clear aligner system (Invisalign)

Fixed cosmetic braces that are fitted to the lip side of your teeth and can be tooth-coloured or clear

Adult patients do not need to be referred in by their dentist. Please feel free to talk to one of the staff about treatment. Alternatively why not book a complimentary consultation with one of our Specialist Orthodontists so that we can provide you with more information about your options.



Why choose a Specialist Orthodontist

In addition to completing a five year university degree to become a fully qualified Dentist, an Orthodontic Specialist goes on to work in various branches of dentistry to gain a broad working knowledge and experience of its different fields. They then complete an approved three-year full-time university and hospital postgraduate orthodontic training programme, to become an Orthodontic Specialist. Orthodontists are uniquely qualified in the diagnosis, prevention and treatment of orthodontic problems.

All our Orthodontists are registered specialists. Patients at Weston Orthodontic Centre are in excellent hands, you can be certain of getting high quality treatment and excellent results.

Take a look

We have added videos to our website showing a typical patient journey, a brace being fitted and instruction videos on things like how to look after your teeth and brace and taking care of your retainers. Please take a look and let us know if you have any questions.

British Orthodontic Conference 2016

We attended the British Orthodontic Conference in Brighton in September. This was a real team building event and gave us the opportunity to network with Orthodontists from all around the country. We attended lectures and had access to the latest orthodontic developments and techniques. All this helps us to keep our knowledge and clinical skills up-to-date which is good for the benefit of our patients. We also went to the ball which was a lot of fun.



Orthodontic Therapists



At Weston Orthodontic Centre we are very lucky to have two qualified Orthodontic Therapists as part of our team. Achieving a diploma in Orthodontic Therapy involves a lot of training and hard work including attending lectures and seminars. Deb Crabtree and Anita Wheatley have both achieved their diplomas in Orthodontic Therapy and provide an excellent service to our patients.

Staff news

Our team continue to extend their knowledge with various training programmes to help them progress well with their multi-skilled roles.



In January, Eve, one of our Dental Nurses, is starting training to become an Orthodontic Therapist. We wish her the best of luck. This will mean that we have three Therapists available to help patients at the practice.

We are welcoming a new Orthodontic Nurse to our team. Sarah has experience in general dental nursing and is really looking forward to a new challenge as an Orthodontic Nurse. Sarah has already completed oral health education and radiography qualifications.

Deb, one of the Therapists, has once again won a prize for an audit she carried out. This was about brace care instruction and her prize was awarded at the British Orthodontic Conference.



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