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orthodontic
centre

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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. Once they have been referred, we will see them as soon as possible (*usually within 6 weeks*) to carry out this assessment so that you and your child know your options.

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

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



Adult orthodontics

Many people have crooked or overcrowded teeth, but until recently having orthodontic treatment has only been seen as an option for children or teenagers.

Nowadays, however, adults are realising the advantages of having their teeth straightened, and wearing braces has become increasingly common amongst people of all ages.

Part of the reason for the surge in popularity of orthodontics is that a bright, confident smile is increasingly seen as important in today's image-conscious society. But another reason is the improved methods available.

At Weston Orthodontic Centre we offer a wide range of treatments including virtually invisible braces that are very discreet. Our patients tell us that many of their friends and family are unaware that they are wearing braces.

These treatments include:

- Tooth-coloured & clear cosmetic brackets
- Removable & clear aligner systems (*Invisalign® or Clearstep™*)
- Lingual braces which are fitted on the tongue side of your teeth (*Incognito™*)

Due to the success of offering no obligation free consultations for a trial period, we have decided to extend the offer for the time being.

Our receptionists Karen and Donna are both undergoing treatment themselves. Patients always find it very useful to chat to someone who has undergone treatment themselves. Please feel free to talk to them about their experiences.



Deb

Anita

Orthodontic therapy

Achieving a diploma in orthodontic therapy involves a lot of training and hard work including attending seminars and lectures, and completing numerous reports and assessments.

At Weston Orthodontic Centre we are lucky enough to have two qualified orthodontic therapists in our team. **Deb Crabtree** and **Anita Wheatley** provide an excellent service to our patients.

Maternity leave

Orthodontist **Jay Wilson** is currently on maternity leave. Check out the website for up to date news.

Thank you



We are delighted to receive so many lovely cards from grateful patients. Here are some examples.

Training & development

We encourage all of our Team to take part in training and to expand their knowledge and skills for their own benefit and the benefit of our patients.

Our nurses are becoming increasingly multi-skilled. Members of the nursing team have been trained to take photos, impressions and to give instructions. They are adapting well to their multi-skilled roles.



Allison

Yvonne

We would like to congratulate **Allison Moreton** and **Yvonne Ward** on passing their radiography exams.

We always like to 'keep up with the changes' and 2011 saw us attending the British Orthodontic Conference in Harrogate. The British Orthodontic Society hold these conferences annually and the Team will be attending the conference in Bournemouth this year.

Events like this provide us with great opportunities to keep up-to-date with the latest developments in modern orthodontics so we can offer our patients the best treatment possible.

Website update

We have made some improvements to our website. It now contains lots more information about the practice, our team and the range of treatments we offer. We've added new pictures too. Visit www.westonortho.co.uk and let us know what you think.



Specialist care

We are often asked what the difference is between an orthodontic specialist, and a dentist who carries out some orthodontic treatment.

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, which means you can be certain of getting a high quality treatment and excellent results.