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## Why choose a specialist?

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



Claire Hixson

## British Orthodontic Conference



We like to keep up-to-date with the latest orthodontic news, technology and research to ensure we keep providing efficient and high quality treatment. September saw us attending the British Orthodontic Conference in Edinburgh. There was an excellent programme with some superb speakers.

Again, for the third year running one of our therapists, Deb Crabtree, won a prize for a folder presentation on oral health. Claire Hixson, one of the nurses, also won a prize for a folder presentation about the importance of good oral health and how teenagers cope with braces. Congratulations to them both.

## 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.

### FREE consultation

If you or anyone you know is considering orthodontic treatment, but hasn't quite made the decision yet, then please book a free initial consultation to find out how we can help. Alternatively, pop in to see us or call us on 01934 429052 for more information.

## 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'll be happy to discuss these with you.

### Case study 1



Before



After

### Case study 2



Before



After



## New website

Have you seen our new website? It's packed with lots of information about the team, the practice and the treatments we offer. We have included some great new photos and a 'results' section showing examples of the transformations that are possible.

Please go online and have a look at [www.westonortho.co.uk](http://www.westonortho.co.uk)

## It's never too late...



**We are creating beautifully straight smiles for increasing numbers of adults. These days, orthodontists can successfully realign crowded, crooked and protruding teeth whatever your age.**

Advances in techniques mean that we can help you to achieve a great smile using the latest technology in the shortest possible time.

### These include:

- lingual braces which are fitted on the tongue side of your teeth (Incognito)
- removable and clear aligner system (Invisalign)
- tooth-coloured and clear cosmetic braces

Many adults assume that they need to be referred by their own dentist, but in fact they don't. Why not book a free consultation so that we can give you more information about your treatment options?

## News from the nursing team

We have been pleased to welcome back Becky, after her maternity leave. Becky enjoyed spending a year at home looking after her 2 boys.

Sue, who joined us in 2014, is currently working towards her radiography qualification. We encourage all our nurses to gain this qualification to ensure safe and effective x-ray use.

Our centre has been recognised as being an ideal place for holding hands on training sessions – we are continuing with this and have another oral health training course planned for 2015.

Congratulations to Yvonne Ward who has completed a PTLLS teaching qualification. We are very pleased that Yvonne will be teaching on our next course. Our other nurses will also be taking part to increase their knowledge and skills.