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## Assessment with Undergraduate Dental Therapist students at the Edinburgh Dental Institute

### Information for patients invited to a screening appointment

You have been given an appointment for an assessment with one of our Undergraduate Dental Therapist (DT) students or Supervising Clinicians at Edinburgh Dental Institute (EDI) to see if you are suitable for dental treatment with our students.

A DT provides the following treatment for adult patients:

- Disease prevention and oral hygiene advice
- Scale and polish (gum treatment) and
- Routine fillings.

There are some clinical treatments which the students are **not** able to provide including: root canal treatment, extraction of permanent (adult) teeth, dentures, veneers, crowns, bridges, whitening (within EDI), orthodontics and dental implants.

At your screening appointment it may be necessary for us to take X-rays to help us diagnose disease and formulate a treatment plan for you. You will be told what treatment you need and which parts of this treatment our students can provide. We will also tell you if there are other treatments that they cannot provide. In some circumstances, we may advise you that you are not suitable for treatment with the students at all and we will advise you to register with a dentist if not currently. Please note that you will not get treatment on your first visit and we do not provide emergency dental treatment.

Your assessment will be carried out by DTs in training on an open plan clinic under the supervision of qualified dental therapists or dentists. Please allow up to one hour for your consultation as you may require radiographs and clinical photographs to be taken.

### **Important Information**

Although based in the EDI, the School of Dental Therapy is part of the University of Edinburgh and is therefore separate from NHS Lothian Specialist Dental Services (i.e. Orthodontics, Paediatric Dentistry, Restorative Dentistry and Oral Surgery) which are also based in EDI. These services can only be accessed by referral from a dentist or doctor.

Dental treatment provided by undergraduate DT students is not covered by the NHS waiting times guarantee.

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