



Direct Access Patient Information Leaflet

You can now book appointments with our dental therapist whenever you want to. You do not need to see the dentist first. Our receptionists will be happy to explain how this works and make an appointment for you.

The therapist cannot provide the same comprehensive examination as your dentist, so you should continue to see your dentist as usual. Your dentist will let you know how often you need to have a full examination.

Our Team

Dentists

Dentists train for five years in all aspects of theoretical and practical dentistry and often undertake additional qualifications after their professional registration. They are clinical professionals who understand and take responsibility for the overall oral health of the patients of their practice. The following dentists work at our practice

Dr Shakiela Hyder

Dr Ryan Gray

Dr Lucy Parmley

Dr Tomás Guimarães

Dr Ahmad Umarji

Dental hygienists

Dental hygienists train for two to three years in dental schools alongside dentists, or in schools of dental hygiene. They are trained to carry out clinical examinations, assessing the health of gums, provide preventive oral care and liaise with dentists over the treatment of decay and gum disease, undertake scaling, provide topical fluoride treatments and carry out oral cancer screening.

Dental therapists

Dental therapists usually train for three years alongside dentists in dental schools. They can provide the same treatments as dental hygienists as well as fillings and some extractions. The following therapists work at our practice:

Mrs Leanne De-Piano

Dental nurses

Dental nurses train for 18 to 24 months and provide support to dentists, hygienists, therapists and patients. They prepare and maintain the clinical environment, carry out infection prevention

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and control procedures, prepare and mix dental materials, process dental X-rays and provide chairside support to dentists, hygienists and therapists. The following nurses work at our practice:

Mrs Khelda Sewell

Miss Chelsey Longstaff

Miss Lauren Jobling

Miss Jessica Rafferty

Mr Wisit Cavangh

Mr Mohammed Ali

Miss Rachael Kilickap

Miss Sruthi Baiju

Mr Mahir Ahmed

Miss Susanna Mardan

Further information about what each member of the team is trained to do can be found in the General Dental Council's publication **Scope of practice** (visit www.gdc-uk.org).

Indicative price list

Patients wishing to book direct access to hygienist services is payable in advance prices are displayed in reception waiting room and practice website.