



What is domiciliary Care at Angel Dental Care

Domiciliary dental care is provided for those patients who are unable to access our clinic to have their check-ups or treatment carried out, so we come to you in your own home/care setting.

It is always preferable to deliver care in the dental surgery setting where possible and domiciliary visits should only be booked in cases of genuine patient need rather than convenience.

Who is eligible?

- Patients who are house-bound. Usually due to frailty/access issues/being bed-bound.
- Patients with a learning disability/autism who find it very difficult to attend the dental clinic.

Who is not eligible?

- Patients who are able to leave their house/care setting to access appointments in a taxi/ambulance /car.
- Patients who leave their house routinely to access services including hairdresser/GP/shopping.

How much does it cost?

Standard dental charges apply. Some patients will be exempt from paying NHS charges.

Band 1 dental treatment: £27.40

This charge covers:

- adjusting false teeth (dentures) or orthodontic appliances, such as braces
- applying fluoride varnish to the surfaces of your teeth
- dental check up
- smoothing of fillings
- a scale and polish (if clinically necessary)
- treating sensitive teeth.

Band 2 dental treatment: £75.30

This charge covers:

- an addition to your dentures – such as adding a clasp or a tooth.
- fillings.
- relining dentures.

- removing teeth (extraction).

Band 3 dental treatment: £362.70

This charge covers: • new dentures.

You do not have to pay for NHS dental services if you're:

- under 18, or under 19 and in full-time education.
- pregnant or have had a baby in the last 12 months.

Low income benefits

You're entitled to free NHS dental treatment if you or your spouse (including civil partner) receive:

- Income Support.
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance.
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance.
- Pension Credit Guarantee Credit.
- Universal Credit (in certain circumstances).

Certificates to help with health costs

You can receive free NHS dental treatment if you're entitled to or named on:

- a valid HC2 certificate – which is available for people on a low income.
- a valid maternity exemption certificate.
- People named on an NHS certificate for partial help with health costs (HC3) may also get help.
- You'll be asked to show your dentist written proof that you do not have to pay for all or part of your NHS treatment.
- You'll also be asked to sign a form to confirm that you do not have to pay.

Limitations of domiciliary care

Treating patients in their home/care setting can be very challenging for the dental team. They do not have access to all their normal equipment or a dental chair.

Only minimal treatment is possible at home such as a Dental Health Check smoothing teeth, fluoride application, temporary fillings, denture construction and very occasionally tooth extraction.

We may suggest coming into the clinic for a certain treatment as this may be considered the safest setting.

We cannot take X rays on a domiciliary visit and sometimes patients need to attend a clinic to have these taken.

Sometimes, if a patient is bedbound, they may need to be referred into a hospital setting for a stretcher transfer to receive the treatment required. However, the first assessment can take place at home.

What to expect?

The dentist is always accompanied by a dental nurse, sometimes there may be additional clinicians attending as we do train staff in domiciliary care. Appointment waiting times maybe longer for us to ensure we book a suitable safe slot.

We bring a case with all our equipment as well as emergency medicines and oxygen depending on risk.

The patient who is having an assessment or treatment should have a private place to do this in to maintain dignity and privacy.

There also needs to be a clean table area to act as a base for the examination kit and there needs to be access to running water.

The dentist and dental nurse attending will be wearing surgical scrubs

They will need a clean space to put on their PPE which usually consists of a plastic apron, surgical mask and visor.

They will also need to shine a torch to get a good view inside the mouth.

The dentist will let the patient and if appropriate carers or family present know what they see and will make a treatment plan.

They will also need an updated Medical History with current list of medication, it would be useful if you have this ready.

In most cases the patient will be involved in making the treatment plan, but it may need to be made in the patients best interest if they lack capacity. In these cases a formal best interest meeting may need to take place with the patient's family. The dentist will organise this.



Pets

Please ensure any pets are kept in a different room for the visit.

**IF YOU HAVE FURTHER QUESTIONS PLEASE CALL OUR CLINIC ON 0191
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