

Consent For Direct Access With The Dental Hygienist/Therapist

From May the 1st 2013 The General Dental Council permits patients to directly assess the services of a Dental Hygienist and or Therapist. Previously, a Dentist had to examine a patient prior to prescribing and treatments to a Dental Hygienist/Therapist.

Dental Hygienist/Therapists are registered trained dental professionals who help patients maintain their oral health by preventing and treating periodontal disease and promoting good oral health practice. Our practice policy gives patients option to access certain private treatments, within a Dental Hygienists/Therapists scope of practice directly without having to see a Dentist first. Not all treatments are included.

Please be aware of the following important notes regarding Direct Access to the Dental Hygienist/Therapist.

- They must work within the extent of their training and must not undertake duties for which they have not been trained.
- If any issues are identified whilst performing their duties, they will advise a referral to a Dentist or necessary healthcare professional in your best interest,” the patient” or if something is outside their scope of practice of what they are allowed to do.
- Teeth whitening does require a prescription and dental assessment for patient suitability from a Dentist. Allowing treatment to then be carried out by a Dental Hygienist/Therapist whilst a Dentist is on the premises.

Consent

I understand the above information regarding direct access to a Dental Hygienist/Therapist and any limitations.

I agree to treatment under the direct access arrangements. I understand that if I cannot be treated following an initial inspection a referral to a Dentist may be necessary.

Full Name.....

Signed.....

Date.....