

The NHS and Orthodontics

What does the NHS offer?

Orthodontics is an integral part of the NHS Dental Services. Treatment for teenagers is covered by the NHS if there is a demonstrable need. The decision is normally based on the Index of Orthodontic Treatment Need - see below. Unfortunately there are shortages of NHS orthodontic practitioners in some areas and it can sometimes be hard to access NHS orthodontic treatment.



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The Index of Orthodontic Treatment Need is now used by the NHS to decide which cases are severe enough to warrant treatment funded by the NHS



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What is the effect of the new dental contract?