Why Orthodontics?
An overview

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Introductions

• Full-time Consultant Orthodontist
  – Teaching Hospital - Bristol
  – District General Hospital - Taunton
• Chair, Consultant Orthodontist Group, BOS
• Previous Director of Clinical Governance, BOS and Trustee of BOS, 2010-2015
• Very Part-time Specialist Practitioner!
Learning objectives:

• To review
  – What is orthodontics
    • What do we do?
  – Why patients seek treatment
  – Why GDPs refer
Orthodontics - definition

“Orthodontics is the dental specialty concerned with facial growth, development of the dentition and occlusion, and the assessment, diagnosis, interception and treatment of malocclusions and facial irregularities.”

Guides for commissioning dental specialties – Orthodontics, Sept, 2015
Why Orthodontics?

• Why do patients seek treatment?
  – Function
  – Aesthetics

• Why to GDPs refer?
  – Dental health concerns
  – Patient/family request
  – Patient/family pressure
  – Dentolegal worry
  – Habit
What do we do?

• Provision of advice
• Educate and inform patients, parents, other health-care professionals
• Monitoring dental development
• Providing treatment
  – Interceptive
  – Routine
  – Multidisciplinary: simple → complex
What do we do? - Advice
What do we do? - Interceptive
What do we do? – Educate & Inform
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Orthodontics

Range of Services

Interceptive Tx

Routine Tx

Multidisciplinary care:
- Restorative
- Surgical
- Orthognathic
- Paediatric Dentistry
  - Cleft
  - OSA

Advice to Patients

Advice to GDPs
Who does what and where?

- Complexity Descriptors
  - Level 1, Level 2, Level 3a and Level 3b

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How is the service provided currently?

- Primary, Secondary, Community care settings
- Range of
  - Malocclusions
  - Patients
  - Demand
  - Dental health
  - Circumstances
  - Geography
  - Availability of expertise
- Current Networks in place
  - ‘MCN’s
  - Facilitate communication
Why Orthodontics?

• Dental health gain
  – OH

• Psychological gain
  – Reducing bullying
  – Increasing self-esteem

• Support
  – Patients
  – GDPs

• High quality service
We make people smile!