

Orthodontic Treatment

We continue to refer children to the Orthodontic Department at Dorset County Hospital for assessment and either treatment there, or, they may suggest treatment is undertaken at the specialist NHS Orthodontic practice.

You may choose to have orthodontic treatment provided here at the practice. Private orthodontic treatment may be provided for any of the following reasons:

- The teeth are not crooked enough to be treated under the NHS.
- You prefer not to have to miss school or work for appointments.
- The NHS waiting time before treatment can be started is considered to be too long in your particular case.
- You would wish to have aesthetic “tooth coloured” brackets.
- You choose to be treated locally to avoid the transportation costs of travelling to Dorchester.
- Adult treatments, for those over the age of 18, are not available under the NHS unless it is for an adult with multidisciplinary problems.

What kind of treatment can be provided?

There are three types of treatment and sometimes a combination of more than one treatment type is required to achieve a satisfactory final result.

Removable appliances:

These are generally used in younger children who still have their baby teeth present to improve problems with the bite, or where tooth movements are limited to moving only one or two teeth.

Functional appliances:

Sometimes a pair of removable braces are worn together, over the top and bottom teeth at the same time, so that we can correct teeth that stick out too far and influence the way that the bone of the jaw grows.

Fixed appliances:

These are made up of small attachments (brackets), which are stuck onto the teeth and then linked together with straightening wires. The brackets are usually made of stainless steel, but, if you prefer, tooth-coloured or “ceramic” brackets can be used which are much less obvious.

Invisalign:

These are clear, comfortable, removable aligners which move the teeth. The results you can see but the braces you can't.

Retainers:

When your treatment has been completed you will need to wear retainers to keep your teeth straight and ensure that they do not move out of position.

How long will treatment take?

Active treatment usually takes between 18 and 24 months depending upon the complexity of the case. This is then followed by a period of retention, usually for a further 12 months and then ongoing once or twice a week to ensure that there is no adverse movement.

How much will it cost?

Referrals to the Orthodontic Department at Dorchester for case assessment and treatment planning are free to patients usually seen in the practice.

If you choose to have treatment provided privately, or wish to discuss the specific costs and what such treatment would entail, there is a single assessment / discussion cost. A full treatment plan will be written up and an estimate will be given for the treatment to be undertaken.

Our fees are based upon the following treatment charges:

Assessment and discussion of treatment plan	£ 65.90
Removable (single tooth) appliance	£ 409.00
Removable appliance treatment	£ 702.00
Functional appliance treatment	£ 965.00
Fixed multiband appliance – single arch	£ 2160.00
Fixed multiband appliance – both arches	£ 3370.00
Tooth coloured ‘ceramic brackets’ per case	£ 471.50
Retention appliance(s) for 12 months	£ 131.70
Invisalign Full Arch appliance – both arches	£ 4900.00
Invisalign Lite	from £ 2860.00
Invisalign i7 (less than 6 months)	from £ 1950.00
Invisalign clincheck treatment plan	£ 473.90

Any further treatment costs?

We reserve the right to make a charge if appliances are broken or lost, depending upon the circumstances. There will be charges for the extraction of teeth prior to fitting of the appliance(s). You may be charged for missed appointments missed or those cancelled at short notice.

Any further queries?

Please ask any member of our team, we are here to help!



Conventional metal brackets



All Ceramic brackets with aesthetic arch wires. Great aesthetics but slightly longer treatment time.



Ceramic brackets with friction reducing inserts. Highly aesthetic and normal treatment times.



The Invisalign aligners are:

- Removable
- Comfortable
- Invisible
- Offer excellent results

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