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NHS Dentistry

Information for Patients

At Hexham Dental Clinic we provide a full range of standard, high quality NHS dentistry.

NHS Charges

Under the NHS, unless you are exempt from paying the charges, all patients will have to pay the fees below. These fees are laid down by the government and you can find out more about these fees from our reception team on **01434 603759**.

- **Band One Course of treatment: £18.50**
This covers an examination, diagnosis (e.g. X-rays), advice on how to prevent future problems, a scale and polish if needed and application of fluoride varnish or preventative fissure sealants. If you require urgent care, even if your urgent treatment needs more than one appointment to complete, you will only need to pay one Band 1 charge.
- **Band Two Course of treatment: £50.50**
This covers everything in Band 1 above, plus any further treatment such as fillings, root canal work or if your dentist needs to take out one or more of your teeth.
- **Band Three Course of treatment: £219.00**
This covers everything in Bands 1 and 2 above, plus crowns, dentures or bridges.

Note

Your dentist should give you a treatment plan to sign before carrying out any Band 2 or 3 treatments. This confirms the NHS treatment your dentist is going to do, and the amount you will need to pay for it on the NHS. If you have talked to your dentist about having any private treatment options, details and costs for this will be listed separately on the same form. If you are not given a treatment plan for Band 2 or 3 treatments, please ask your dentist for one.

Charge Exemption Criteria

You are entitled to free NHS dental treatment if you meet the exemption criteria below when your treatment starts:

- Aged under 18
- Aged 18 in full-time education
- Pregnant, or have had a baby in the 12 months before treatment starts
- You are getting, or your partner receives income support, income-based jobseeker's allowance or pension credit guarantee credit
- You are entitled to, or named on, a valid NHS tax credit exemption certificate
- You are named on a valid HC2 certificate. If you are named on a HC3 certificate you may be eligible for partial help with dental costs. There may be a limited amount you have to pay towards your NHS dental care. (* There may be a charge for dentures and bridges.)

Your dentist or a member of the reception team will ask for evidence that you are entitled to free NHS dental treatment.

Useful Telephone Numbers

For further information about HC certificates please call the following numbers: 0845 8501166 or 08701 555 455.

The Benefit Enquiry Line is a telephone advice line offering general confidential information to people with disabilities, their carers and representatives. You can ring the Benefit Enquiry line on 0800 882 200.

For further information about credits call the Tax Credit helpline on 0845 300 3900 during working hours.