

Statement of Purpose

General

1. Promote good oral health to all patients attending our practice for care and advice
2. Understand and meet the needs of our patients, involve them in decisions about their care and encourage them to participate fully
3. Involve other professionals in the care of our patients, where this is in the patient's interests for example, referral for specialist care and advice
4. Participate in local initiatives to promote the benefits of general and oral health to the wider population
5. Ensure that all members of our team have the right skills and training to carry out their duties competently and with confidence
6. Ensure an awareness of current national guidelines affecting the way we care for our patients

Specific

1. Treatment of disease, disorder or injury

- To provide a high quality and range of dental services to the whole community, including consultations, X-Rays, routine restorative work, endodontics, treatment of periodontal disease, prostheses, cosmetic work.
- To offer patients a friendly and professional service.
- To explain the diagnosis to patients in detail, where particular attention should be given and necessary action – treatment options, costs, risks, advice, etc.
- To refer to appropriately qualified specialist dental practitioners where necessary. Temporary treatment provided if necessary.
- To keep patients well-informed of costs and to discuss treatment progress at each stage, obtaining relevant consent.
- To offer a preventative service.
- To establish an individually-developed personal dental health regime for each patient to meet their dental care needs and aim for a high level of oral health.

2. Surgical procedures

- To provide detailed information and explanations to patients where a surgical procedure is necessary including risks, procedure, etc.
- To obtain valid consent for all surgical procedures carried out at the practice.
- To monitor patient progress, post-procedure, following clinical protocol to ensure full recovery and minimise risks.

3. Diagnostic and screening procedures

- To arrange and agree appointments and review appointments within appropriate personal timeframe with patients.
- To undergo a complete and detailed examination of the patient's oral health with help from relevant diagnostic equipment, taking into account relevant medical history.
- To inform patients of the results of such diagnostic and screening procedures with a view to discussing possible treatment options.