



Dental Access Guide (SHORT TERM)

The first line of action should be to try to book an appointment for the Child in Care with the Foster Family's regular dentist, whether for routine or urgent dental care.

If this is not possible, then please use this Guide to find a dentist for the child.

Routine dental check-up needed (GREEN) (AMBER)

Find a nearby dentist on the [Volunteer ChiC Dentist map](#) / Search 'Dental Service' on [NHS Service Finder](#)

Call dental practice and ask to book a routine dental check-up for a Child in Care

Urgent dental check-up needed (RED)

Child not in pain

Child in pain

Find a nearby dentist on the [Volunteer ChiC Dentist map](#) / Search 'Dental Service' on [NHS Service Finder](#)

Call dental practice and ask to book a dental check-up for a Child in Care showing signs of oral disease

Call [NHS 111](#) / Use the [Volunteer ChiC Dentist map](#) / Search 'Emergency Dental Service' on [NHS Service Finder](#)

Call dental practice and ask to book an urgent dental appointment for a Child in Care in pain

If your child has significant medical and/or behavioural comorbidities and clearly requires additional support for dental examination and treatment, please refer to your local [Community Dental Services](#) via the methods outlined in the table [below](#).

In case of medical emergency i.e. severe swelling of face affecting the eye or airway, transfer your child to A+E immediately.



NHS Service Finder user guide

Any health or care professional can set up an account with NHS Service Finder with their work email address; if you use an nhs.net email address you will be able to use the Service Finder immediately.



Search for a service

Type of service
For example, Needle Exchange or Care Home

Clinical keywords
For example, fracture or epilepsy

Contact details [Contact details search >](#)
Search by partial address or service name

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Enter a service type

Type at least 2 characters to search for service types such as GP practice or falls service.
Enter 'ALL' to list all service types available. Select as many service types as you need.

Select as many services as you need

Dental Service
Dentist

Emergency Dental Service
Out Of Hours / Urgent Dentist OOH Dentist

Selected service types

Dental Service

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Enter a search location

Choose a new location

Start typing an address or postcode
We display information for services in England only

[Use my current location](#)

Use a saved location

You do not have any saved locations.

To add one, search for a location and select the 'save this location' button when it appears.



Community Dental Services

Areas	CDS Provider	Method of referral (NB. 'form' refers to individual forms available on the CDS Provider's website)
Bedfordshire	CDS-CIC	Referral Management System (RMS) // Email form to cds.referrals@nhs.net
Essex	CDS-CIC	Email form to cds.essexreferrals@nhs.net
Norfolk and Waveney	CDS-CIC	Email form to cdsnorfolk.referrals@nhs.net <i>(Dentist only)</i>
Cambridgeshire & Peterborough	CCS	Online form https://portal.dentalhealthcareeoe.nhs.uk/dentalreferral/ <i>(Dentist only)</i>
Suffolk	CCS	Online form https://portal.dentalhealthcareeoe.nhs.uk/dentalreferral/ <i>(Dentist only)</i>
Hertfordshire	HCT	Via Referral Management System (RMS) // Email form to hct.hertsdentaladmin@nhs.net
Milton Keynes	CNWL	Via Referral Management System (RMS) // Email form to bpds.mk@nhs.net

'*Dentist only*' means that this CDS Provider will only accept referrals from general dental practitioners; in this case, please try to book an appointment with a local dentist first.

If the child has clear additional needs which prevent this (e.g. not compliant enough to enter the dental practice) then please explain this to the dentist when making the appointment and ask if they would be happy to attempt an examination with a view to referring to CDS.

If this is not possible, then as a last resort please contact NHSE (england.dentaleast@nhs.net) to request special circumstances to refer the child directly to CDS.

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