

WESSEX AREA TEAM

Additional information on SPECIALIST ENDODONTIC TREATMENT

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Examples of currently recognised exceptions

1. Patients aged 18 years or under who have suffered trauma to a tooth which is strategically important to maintain long-term oral function.
2. Where there are medical conditions which affect the oral environment, for e.g. Sjogren's syndrome, and where tooth is strategically important to maintain long-term oral function.
3. Special care patient where tooth is strategically important to maintain long-term oral function.

Referral Requirements

For a referral to be accepted the following criteria are required:

- The patient should be a regular attender in practice and is well motivated.
- The referring practitioner will be required to ensure that the oral environment is suitable for advanced care. This includes carrying out any other restorative care needed prior to referral.
- The letter of referral should contain an indication of the history of the problem and of the treatment carried out to date.
- A recent high quality periapical radiograph of the tooth in question must be sent with the referral letter. Digital print-outs must be of diagnostic quality. Faxed and photocopied images will not be accepted.
- The tooth should be potentially restorable and functional. It is the responsibility of the referring dentist to provide the final coronal restoration.
- Second and third molar teeth can only be considered for endodontic treatment if they are strategically important teeth, such as the only molar in a quadrant.

Inability to pay for private treatment is not an indication for a referral.

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