

Dentists RE: Cleft Lip and/or Palate

Dear Dentist,

This patient would like to register with your practice.

It is very important that individuals born with a cleft (which could be a cleft lip and/or palate) have access to routine dental care and regular check-ups, as they can be especially vulnerable to tooth decay and the shape or position of their teeth may also make them harder to clean effectively. Oral hygiene is of paramount importance.

One of the reasons we are asking you to register this patient is that individuals may return to NHS cleft care at any age, and may seek a specialist assessment from a Cleft Team for any reason related to their cleft, even for cosmetic concerns. **However, routine treatment must be provided by a general dental practitioner, even during specialist care.**

Thank you for considering this request for registration for this patient. If you are unable to register this patient at this time, we ask that you add them to your waiting list as a priority.

If you have any questions or concerns about the contents of this letter, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours faithfully,



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