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## New phobic referral form

Dear Colleague,

We recently wrote to advise you of the phobic waiting list times and criteria for the Dental Access Centre, in addition to this there has been a specific phobic referral form developed to assist in correct signposting of patients. Please find attached the latest approved copy of the **Adult Phobic Referral Form** essential for referral to the dental phobic waiting list at the Dental Access Centre.

We will only be able to accept adult phobic referrals submitted on the new referral form attached and any incorrect referral forms submitted after this will unfortunately be rejected and returned to the referring dental clinician

Please can we remind you to follow the criteria for referral to the phobic waiting list and confirm that that the routine management of your patients, including any pain appointments required, are the responsibility of the referring GDP throughout the referral process.

It would be beneficial to all if you can ensure that your patients' expectations are managed accordingly, and that they are informed and updated of the expected wait times following a referral to our service.

We are committed to continue to work together to meet the dental needs of our phobic patients and we continue to work constantly within the constraints of our service to address the waiting list times and to bring the waiting time down.

Yours sincerely

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