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Dear Dental Practice,

I am writing to inform you that the hospital service has recently reviewed their Orthodontic triage guidelines. These have been amended to reflect the guidance from NHS England.

The commissioning guide can be found at <https://www.england.nhs.uk/commissioning/wp-content/uploads/sites/12/2015/09/guid-comms-orthodontics.pdf> . I would particularly draw your attention to page 14 and I have attached a copy to this letter to assist your decision making as to where to refer your orthodontic patients. Guidance is also available from the British Orthodontic Society: <https://www.bos.org.uk/Information-for-Dentists/Making-an-Orthodontic-Referral/Where-Should-I-Refer-my-Patient>

Referrals that do not meet this guidance will be returned to your dental practice.

From 1st August 2020 the service will not be accepting any paper referrals. Referrals will only be accepted that are sent to one of the following email addresses.

MPHOrthodontics@tst.nhs.uk for all patients wishing to be seen in Taunton

YDHOrthodontics@tst.nhs.uk for all patients wishing to be seen in Yeovil

Any referrals received in paper form after 31st July 2020 will not be accepted and be returned.

If you are referring patients to the hospital dentistry service can you please include the necessary X-rays – photocopies of X-rays do not give us the required resolution in order to triage referrals correctly.

Yours faithfully

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Guidance for Specialist Orthodontists and General Dental Practitioners for the Referral of Patients requiring Orthodontic Assessment and Treatment in the Hospital Service

All routine referrals for orthodontic treatment should be undertaken in one of the specialist practices in Somerset which are located in Orthoworld in Taunton, Resolution in Yeovil, and Wells Orthodontics in Wells. The only exceptions are:

- Patients with clefts of the lip and/ or palate or craniofacial syndromes
- Patients with significant skeletal discrepancies requiring combined Orthodontics and Orthognathic surgery
- Patients who require Orthodontics and complex Oral Surgery input (e.g., multiple impacted teeth)
- Patients with complex restorative problems requiring secondary care input in a multidisciplinary environment
- Patients with complex medical issues, including psychological concerns, which require close liaison with medical personnel locally
- Patients with medical, developmental or social problems who would not be considered suitable for treatment in specialist practice
- Complex Orthodontic cases not considered suitable for management in specialist practice
- Referrals where advice or a second opinion is required from a secondary care Consultant (i.e. to those practitioners providing Level 1, 2, 3a care)

All referrals that are made for patients outside of these categories will be rejected.

Please ensure that you include all relevant X-rays with any referral that you make and details of the medical history for patients are also included where this is appropriate.

Please use the attached referral form for any future orthodontic referrals. Referrals on any other forms will not be accepted after 01/08/2020.

Many thanks for your help with these changes to our acceptance criteria.

COMPLEXITY ASSESSMENT – ORTHODONTIC TREATMENT

