

## Referral Criteria for Torbay and South Devon Community Dental Service

### Torbay Paediatric GA pathway

#### Paediatric GA for 0-16 year olds

- ASA I or II
- Mild or moderate mental health
- Mild or moderate behavioural issues, ADHD, mild Autism
- Pre-cooperative child requiring multiple extractions



**This service is NOT provided by the CDS to avoid delay**

Maxillofacial Department

**Please refer directly to:**

Torbay Hospital

Lowes Bridge

Torquay, TQ2 7AA

#### **Children & Adults with additional needs**

**We accept referrals for Level 2 and 3 care as described in NHS England's Guides for commissioning dental specialties :-**

- Moderate/severe Learning disability
- Progressing dementia/debilitating brain injury
- Mental health conditions adversely affecting dental care
- Complex/unstable medical conditions
- Specialist equipment required such as Bariatric chair or wheel-chair tipper
- Limited cooperation due to their additional need which may require sedation or GA
- Doubtful or fluctuating capacity to consent
- Looked after children
- Children with developmental problems, learning difficulties making routine dental care difficult
- Children with high dental needs and from areas of high deprivation index

### The process

- Incomplete referrals will be sent back to the referrer for completion
- Inappropriate referrals which do not meet the criteria above will be rejected
- Accepted patients will be offered an initial assessment appointment and if appropriate a course of treatment
- On completion of this course of treatment those who do not meet our criteria for continuing care will be discharged back to the referring dental practitioner, if the referral is from a non-dentist source the patient is encouraged to find a NHS dentist

How to refer – please use the South West referral form and email via secure NHS email account to [sd-dental.t-sd@nhs.net](mailto:sd-dental.t-sd@nhs.net)

### Available treatment for accepted patients

- Behavioural management techniques/local analgesia
- Local Analgesia plus Inhalation sedation (must be able to understand and follow instructions not for pre-cooperative child or adult with severe Learning Disability)
- Local Analgesia plus Intravenous sedation using Midazolam for those over the age of 12
- General Anaesthetic for restoration and extraction **ONLY** for adults and children with special needs who come under our remit and cannot tolerate treatment with LA +- sedation