**Referrals for Dental Trauma:**

Emergency management of complex dental trauma in the primary and permanent dentition, within office hours, for instance:

* emergency management of complex dental trauma in the primary dentition if sedation/ GA needed for extraction of traumatised teeth
* emergency management of complex dental trauma in the permanent dentition for instance more than a single tooth avulsion/luxation/extrusion, root fractures confirmed by radiograph, suspected alveolar fractures where teeth are moving ‘on block’, complex medical history, vulnerability and/or behaviour complicating treatment for dental trauma, where routine primary care has not been possible or accepted.
* We would expect simple dental trauma to be seen, treated and reviewed, according to the IADT guidelines, within general practice/ stabilisation pathway or Urgent Care pathway, and only referred if further, specialist Level 3a and 3b, care is needed.
* The service cannot provide simple monitoring/splint removal/ partial dentures/ composite repairs and routine RCT following trauma if the patient does not have access to a routine dentist- it is the remit of the practice providing the emergency care to provide on-going care, or referral to Stabilisation/ Urgent Care pathway.

## Dental practitioners can contact the department with urgent clinical enquiries only, by phoning the Trust Switchboard 0117 923 0000 and asking to be put through to the Reception staff for the Child Dental Health Department, and asking to speak to a Consultant in Paediatric Dentistry. We would kindly ask that it is the dental practitioner that speaks to the Consultant to discuss an urgent clinical case.