

## Oral Surgery – First Outpatient Appointment

### Introduction

The Covid pandemic has had a significant impact on the NHS ability to provide routine elective services. We recognise that patients are waiting longer than we would all like and it is not always possible to identify when treatment will take place.

### Guidance for Patients

Routine tooth extractions should be performed by the dentist under local anaesthetic.

These should only be referred in the exceptional cases.

#### Conditions Treated

- Tooth extractions in patients with complex medical conditions
- Wisdom Tooth extractions
- Extraction of buried tooth roots
- Endodontic Surgery/Apicectomies
- Jaw Joint problems
- Abnormal; soft tissue and bony lesions
- Oral Medicine

#### Procedures Performed

- Removal of complex wisdom teeth
- Surgical removal of buried roots and fractured or residual root fragments
- Removal of complicated buried teeth for orthodontics
- Exposure of teeth for orthodontics
- Biopsy of Minor soft tissue lumps, pigmented areas and ulcers
- Management and/or treatment of salivary gland disease
- Management of temporomandibular disorders and craniofacial pain that have not responded to initial therapy
- Treatment of cysts

# **My Planned Care Patient Information Platform**

## **What should I do if my health is deteriorating?**

If you need to see a dentist out of hours call a dentist: their voicemail may advise where to obtain out of hours treatment.

Call NHS 111 to find an out of hour's dental service near you

Do not contact a GP, as they will not be able to offer you emergency or out of hour's dental care.

NHS 111 can also offer other self-care advice.

For urgent health advice about physical or mental health, when it's not an emergency, please call 111 from any landline or mobile phone. You can also visit [www.nhs.uk](http://www.nhs.uk). The NHS 111 service is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

## **Life Threatening Emergencies**

If you have severe bleeding, breathing difficulties or chest pains – please dial 999 immediately.