

Extractions and Restorations under General Anaesthetic

Information for Patients or Carers

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Your child has been referred to this specialist centre, by your own dentist. This is for advice or treatment, because of a specific problem which can not be managed locally. Once we have provided treatment or advice, we will discharge you back to your dentist for routine check ups and further care.

Your child has been prescribed treatment by the Consultant in Paediatric Dentistry, either Ms J Johnson, Ms G AbouAmeira or Ms L Foo. The treatment will be carried out under general anaesthetic in our Day Case Unit.

You will receive a phone call approximately four weeks before the operation date. We will also send an accompanying letter from our Paediatric Day Case Administrator Corrine Bond.

Whilst waiting for this appointment you should continue to see your own dentist. We will also send them a letter containing advice about the treatment which will be provided by the hospital and the prevention aspects of your child's care. In the event of any query or emergency you should contact your dentist in the in the first instance. They can then contact us if necessary.

After the treatment in hospital, we will send to your dentist a further letter that explains the treatment that your child has received. It will also explain what arrangements should be made about prevention care and follow up.

Most dental disease can be prevented or reduced in severity if careful home care and regular check ups are observed. You should therefore try to follow the advice given by your dentist and at the hospital about:

- careful diet control
- regular use of the recommended amount of fluoride toothpaste
- supervised tooth brushing especially last thing at night.

Your own dentist will monitor your child's progress and refer back to the hospital if necessary.

A general anaesthetic requires that your child is starved for 6 hours before the operation and therefore will not be able to eat any food on the morning of the date you are given. Only a sip of water can be given at 6.30. Unfortunately if this is not adhered to your child's operation will be cancelled.

Any Questions?

If you have any questions or worries, please contact us on telephone **020 8725 1629** or **020 8725 0429**.

We hope that your child's dental health will be assured in the future.