

Dental Implants

Referrals for dental implants must be made using the [Dental Implant Referral Form](#) and emailed to leedsth-tr.restorativereferral@nhs.net.

The criteria for implant placement available on the NHS are strict and the Leeds Dental Institute is only able to provide implant-based treatment to a limited selection of cases, which include:

- **Developmental disorders:**
 - malformed, missing or ectopic teeth (e.g. hypodontia, cleft palate, amelogenesis or dentinogenesis imperfecta)
- **Trauma:**
 - teeth lost or of poor prognosis subsequent to trauma
- **Head and neck cancer:**
 - previous surgery and/or radiotherapy
- **Severe denture intolerance:**
 - despite construction of technically acceptable dentures e.g. edentulous patients with severe ridge resorption, neuromuscular disorders etc

Please note that belonging to one of these categories does not guarantee that implant based treatment can be offered at the Leeds Dental Institute. In most cases, alternative treatment options must have been attempted prior to consideration of implant placement (unless that is clearly not appropriate).

Patients **will not** be offered treatment if:

- They are not registered with a dentist
- They have poor oral hygiene, active caries and/or active periodontal disease
- They are a current smoker

The Leeds Dental Institute is **not** normally able to offer treatment in the following instances:

- Completion of implant treatment commenced outside of the NHS
- Management of failing implants or implant-retained prostheses provided outside of the NHS

- Maintenance of implants or restorations provided outside of the NHS

However, patients **may** be given special consideration if they are in one of the high priority categories listed above.

If patients are offered implant-based treatment, their on-going routine dental care and maintenance must still be provided within General Dental Practice. Patients should therefore continue to be seen for recalls and any routine treatment required whilst also undergoing treatment in the Leeds Dental Institute.

Following a review period after completion of implant-based treatment, patients will usually be discharged from the Leeds Dental Institute for maintenance in General Dental Practice.