

Direct access patient information leaflet

You can now book an appointment with our dental hygienist or therapist whenever you want to. You do not need to see the dentist first. Our receptionists will be happy to explain how this works and make an appointment for you.

The Hygienist or therapist cannot provide the same comprehensive examination as your dentist, so you should continue to see your dentist as usual. Your dentist will let you know how frequently you need to have a full examination.

Dentists

Dentists train for five years in all aspects of theoretical and practical dentistry and often undertake additional qualifications after their professional registration. They are clinical professionals who understand and take responsibility for the overall oral health of the patients of their practice. The following dentists work at our practice:

Andy Moran – B.D.S. (Newcastle 1991) M.Clin.Dent. (Kings. London 2002) GDC : 6696

Ronnie Aitchison – B.D.S. (Glasgow 1980), M.F.G.D.P. (U.K.) GDC : 54331

Mary Aitchison – B.D.S. (Glasgow 1980) GDC : 54301

Julia Horton – B.D.S. (Edinburgh 1984) GDC : 58898

Lucy Denton – B.Ch.D. (Leeds 2003) GDC : 82193

Junaid Khan – B.D.S (Manchester 2012) GDC : 230826

Emma Skipper – B.Ch.D (Leeds 2012) GDC : 229380

Sarah Butterfield – B.D.S. UCLan (Lpool) 2013 GDC : 243717

Dental hygienists

Dental hygienists train for two to three years in dental schools alongside dentists, or in schools of dental hygiene. They are trained to carry out clinical examinations, assessing the health of gums, provide preventive oral care and liaise with dentists over the treatment of decay and gum disease, undertake scaling, provide topical fluoride treatments and carry out oral cancer screening. The following hygienists work at our practice:

Helen Gill – CEB Cert. in Dental Hygiene (1990) GDC: 3957

Kathryn Young – CEB Dip. Dental Hygiene (1997) GDC: 5213

Amanda Watson – CEB Dip. Dental Hygiene (1999) GDC: 5550

Dental therapists

Dental therapists usually train for three years alongside dentists in dental schools. They can provide the same treatments as dental hygienists as well as fillings and some extractions. The following therapists work at our practice:

Janet Madders – C of M Dental Auxiliary Cert. (1974) GDC: 10541

Lisa Robertson – Dip. In Dental Hygiene and Therapy (2011) GDC: 220644

Further information about what each member of the team is trained to do is available in the General Dental Council's publication **Scope of practice** (visit www.gdc-uk.org).