

# COMMUNITY DENTAL SERVICES



## What is community dental services?

**Service video:** <https://youtu.be/XXKrynuu-1U>

Anyone living, studying or working in London can access good-quality NHS dental services. Simply find a dental practice that's convenient for you, and contact them to make an appointment.

If the patient has no usual dentist, or there is no response from the usual dentist, the patient should try searching on the NHS Choices if they can access the internet <https://www.nhs.uk/service-search/find-a-dentist> or they should contact NHS 111.

## Who can refer?

- Self referral
- Reception / Admin
- GP

## How to refer?



**Electronically** - Patients can try NHS Choices if they can access the internet  
[www.nhs.uk/service-search/find-a-dentist](http://www.nhs.uk/service-search/find-a-dentist)



**Telephone** – Patient should contact their local dentist or if patient is unable to access the internet, they can call 111

## What conditions are covered?

### Included

- Trauma; involving dental tissues with lost, loose or broken teeth; bleeding gums; minor cuts and bruising to the lips
- Inside the mouth; Loose teeth; broken or sharp teeth; lost fillings; toothache; bleeding or swollen gums; lumps/bumps/ulcers/blisters; Loose or broken crowns/bridges or dentures; bad taste/bad breath.
- Developmental; children with missing or extra teeth; crooked teeth; requesting braces; broken braces/trauma from braces.
- Outside the mouth; Pain around your jaw, ear and temple, joint pain/clicking/restricted opening; swellings affecting the mouth, jaws and face.

### Excluded

- Prolonged or excessive bleeding due to large lacerations; swelling causing difficulty with swallowing or breathing; trauma with associated head injury.
- Spreading infection or systemic involvement of a dental infection  
e.g. Diffuse or severe facial swelling leading to problems with opening mouth, swallowing, fever, malaise

**Patients with these conditions should go straight to A&E**