

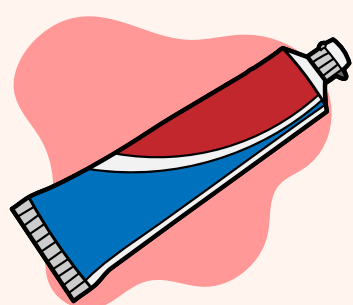
# Registering with an NHS Dentist

How do I do it?

Dental surgeries will not always have the capacity to take on new NHS patients. You may have to join a waiting list, look for a different dentist who is taking on new NHS patients, or be seen privately.



Once you find a dental surgery, you may have to fill in a registration form at your first visit, which is just to add you to their patient database. This does not mean you have guaranteed access to an NHS dental appointment in the future,



If you think you need urgent care, contact your usual dentist, if you have one, as some will offer emergency dental appointments and will provide care if clinically necessary.



You can also contact NHS 111 who can put you in touch with an urgent dental service. If you have severe pain, heavy bleeding or swelling of your mouth, neck or eye, call 111 or use NHS 111 online.



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