

**Berkshire Community Dental Service
Referral Criteria Nov 2022**

CRITERIA FOR REFERRAL	REASONS FOR REFERRALS TO BE RETURNED
<p>1. Children who have had an episode of pain and/or infection from a baby tooth/teeth and are uncooperative and unable to accept with their dentist unless the child fulfils criteria 3. <i>Patients with asymptomatic decay in baby teeth will be rejected.</i></p> <p>2. Children with caries in permanent teeth who are uncooperative and unable to accept treatment.</p> <p>3. Patients with a learning, physical or severe medical disability which impacts on their dental treatment.</p> <p>4. Patients with severe mental health problems or dementia which impacts on their dental treatment.</p> <p>5. Patients with a severe dental phobia whose needs cannot be met by NHS sedation services. <i>Only those who have been refused by the NHS clinics providing IV sedation or have a learning disability will be considered.</i></p> <p>6. Patients who are unable to leave their home and may require domiciliary treatment.</p>	<p>a) Does not fulfil criteria</p> <p>b) Referral form incomplete</p>
	<p>EXCLUSIONS</p> <p>a) Children with asymptomatic decay in baby teeth.</p> <p>b) Patients referred for IV sedation who do not have a learning disability or have not previously been referred to an NHS IV clinic.</p> <p>c) Orthodontic Extractions.</p>

Please Note:

- All patients will be assessed against these criteria both on referral and at the consultation appointment and those referrals deemed inappropriate will be discharged.
- Children who fulfil criteria 1 or 2 and do not have a disability will normally be referred to their dentist on completion of the course of treatment. Patients with disabilities or requiring domiciliary care may be accepted for continuing care on an individual basis.