

**Berkshire Community Dental Service Referral Criteria October 2014 (supersedes March 2011 form)**

CRITERIA FOR REFERRAL	REASONS FOR REFERRALS TO BE RETURNED TO GDP
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Children requiring dental treatment who are uncooperative and unable to accept treatment in GDP</li> <li>2. Children who are likely to require extractions under general anaesthetic</li> <li>3. Patients with a learning, physical or severe medical disability which impacts on their dental treatment</li> <li>4. Patients with severe mental health problems or dementia which impacts on their dental treatment</li> <li>5. Patients with a severe dental phobia whose needs cannot be met by NHS sedation services</li> <li>6. Patients who are unable to leave their home and may require domiciliary treatment</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A. Does not fulfil criteria</li> <li>B. Referral form incomplete</li> <li>C. No referrer and / or patient signature</li> </ol>

N.B. All patients will be assessed against these criteria both on referral and at the consultation appointment and those referrals deemed inappropriate will be referred back to the GDP.

- Children who fulfil criteria 1 or 2 and do not have a disability will normally be referred back to their GDP on completion of the course of treatment.
- Patients with disabilities or requiring domiciliary care may be accepted for continuing care on an individual basis.
- Berkshire Community Dental Service is only able to provide intravenous sedation for patients with learning disabilities.
- Berkshire Community Dental Service is unable to provide general anaesthesia for orthodontic extractions unless the treatment plan includes permanent molar teeth.