

Dear Parent/Guardian,

From the 1st November 2023, there are some changes that are being introduced by the Scottish government to the way NHS dental treatment is delivered.

Please be aware that we as a practice have no say over these changes and if we are to provide NHS care we must adhere to them.

At North Kessock dental practice all patients under the age of 18 are currently treated on the NHS. So, how will these changes affect your child/children?

The frequency at which your child will be able to attend for an NHS dental examination will be based on their individual clinical need. For most patients this will mean a change from 6 -monthly NHS examinations to between 12- 24months. Your dentist will inform you how this change may affect your child personally, when you attend for your next appointment.

Any NHS appointments already booked will be honoured so please attend your appointment as normal.

As a practice we realise that having an examination every 1-2 years may not be satisfactory. We would therefore like to offer an alternative private option for those that would prefer their child to continue having 6-monthly examinations. We are introducing a children's monthly plan.

Childrens Maintenance Plan with Highland Dental Plan - £8.95 per month

- 2 examinations per year
- Oral hygiene & Diet advice
- Routine X- rays
- 20% Discount off any additional treatment your child may need (excluding orthodontics & implants)
- Access to the DEAS (Dental Emergency Assistance Support) product.
- Family Discounts available on all membership plans

You will need to decide whether you would like your child to be seen on a NHS basis or Highland Dental Plan at your next appointment.

If you decide to go ahead with the plan, you will need to sign up no more than 2 months after your next check-up, failure to do so will mean that the child will remain as an NHS patient until their next NHS examination.

Yours sincerely

North Kessock Dental Team