

Dental Implant Referral Guidelines

The criteria for implant placement on the NHS are strict, and the Leeds Dental Institute is only able to provide implant-based treatment to a limited selection of cases (please see the referral categories on page 1 of this form). In most cases, alternative treatment options must have been attempted prior to consideration of implant placement (unless that is clearly not appropriate).

Patients **will not** be offered treatment if:

- They are not registered with a dentist
- They have poor oral hygiene, active caries and/or active periodontal disease
- They are a current smoker

The Leeds Dental Institute is **not** normally able to offer treatment in the following instances:

- Completion of implant treatment commenced outside of the NHS
- Management of failing implants or implant-retained prostheses provided outside of the NHS
- Maintenance of implants or restorations provided outside of the NHS

However, patients **may** be given special consideration if they are in one of the high priority categories listed on page 1 of this form.

If patients are offered implant-based treatment, their ongoing routine dental care and maintenance must still be provided within General Dental Practice. Patients should therefore continue to be seen for recalls and any routine treatment required whilst also undergoing treatment in the Leeds Dental Institute.

Following a review period after completion of implant-based treatment, patients will usually be discharged from the Dental Institute for maintenance in General Dental Practice.