

University Dental Hospital of Manchester
Orthodontic Department

Information for Patients

Hypodontia Clinic

You have been invited to attend an appointment at our clinic and this leaflet is to let you know a little more about your appointment and who you will meet.

What is the Hypodontia Clinic?

Most people who come to our clinic have a condition called **Hypodontia**, which means that they have not grown all their adult teeth. Some other people, without hypodontia, come to our clinic because they need the expertise of the staff here, to help them with other dental problems.

We call this our Joint Hypodontia Clinic, because we have joined together several clinics, in order to bring our staff into one place, all at the same time. By visiting the clinic, you will meet our team of experts who have worked together for many years, helping people with dental problems just like yours.

Who will I meet at the Clinic?

We have a range of staff working in this clinic:

- A dental receptionist, when you arrive in the waiting room.
- A dental nurse, when you are brought into the clinic.
- Some dentists, who have special interests in different areas of dentistry.
- Some of the dentists will be consultants, who are the 'team leaders' and the other dentists will be speciality registrars.
- A coordinator from our dental implant team.

The joint Hypodontia clinic is led by:

Miss Mariyah Nazir
Consultant in Orthodontics

Mr Richard Needham
Consultant in Orthodontics

Professor Paul Coulthard
Consultant in Oral Surgery

Miss Helen Peterson
Consultant in Oral Surgery

Dr Alka Saksena
Consultant in Oral Surgery

Mr Martin Ashley
Consultant in Restorative Dentistry

Professor Julian Satterthwaite
Consultant in Restorative Dentistry

Dr Sarra Jawad
Consultant in Restorative Dentistry

You may have met some of our staff already.

What will happen at my appointment?

The clinic is held in a large, bright, open plan area. There is space for six patients with up to two relatives or friends each to be present. You will meet at least one member of staff from each of our clinical teams. We will examine your mouth and teeth and discuss with you what treatments could be carried out to improve these. As the treatments we provide can be fairly lengthy, we are keen to ensure that you have as much information as you need, so that you can make the right decision about which treatment plan is best for you. This appointment is a good opportunity to ask any questions that you might have.

You will probably have already had X-rays, mouth models and photographs taken at one of your previous appointments. We will have looked at these at a clinical team meeting before the clinic, to consider all the treatment options, before you arrive. We therefore don't often need to undertake any treatment at the Joint Hypodontia Clinic.

We hope to make a decision about your treatment plan before you leave. We will write to you, your dentist and anyone else involved in your dental care, to let them know what we have agreed. As we are sharing the responsibility for your care with your own dentist, it is important that you continue to receive all your routine dental care from your own dentist, both during and after your time with us here.

What have other patients said about our clinic?

The feedback from the patients attending this clinic has been excellent. They feel that the visit was worthwhile, that our staff are knowledgeable and helpful and they leave with a clear understanding of their condition and the treatment plan.

How well does the Clinic run?

Almost all patients are seen at, or within 20 minutes of, their appointment time. 75% of patients have finished their appointment and left the clinic within 25 minutes. You are very unlikely to be at the hospital for more than one hour.

If you want to know anything else before coming to the clinic, please call 0161 3937732, 9.00 am to 5.00 pm, Monday – Friday.