



Care Home
Dental

Your local care home
dental provider

Oral Health Services for Care Homes

Person-centred dental care



We believe everyone should receive high quality oral health and dental services. We understand the challenges of maintaining a healthy mouth and teeth for elderly and less mobile care home residents. Let us deliver our oral health services in partnership with you with our Oral Health Services for Care Homes.

The importance of oral health for the elderly

- improving oral health can help with our ability to enjoy life to the full as we age: how we speak, our nutrition and pain-free and enjoyable eating, and our communication with those around us
- more and more people are living longer, many now retaining their natural teeth. Caring for their mouths can be more challenging for care staff
- vulnerable older people in care homes may not be able to perform their own oral care satisfactorily and rely on others for help to maintain this. This can be particularly challenging where residents resist or reject care, often as a result of dementia
- People often come into care homes with pre-existing oral problems as a result of inadequate oral care while living on their own

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We didn't arrange regular check-ups because it's difficult. A lot of them are not mobile, it's difficult to get them to a clinic and it's difficult to get a visit here. We did get visits here but not easily.

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Some of our residents have advanced dementia, or other health problems associated with old age, so it was important to us to have a dentist who has the same ethos of us – putting the resident at the heart of the care plan.

LAURA MCFADYEN, CARE HOME MANAGER
VICTORIA HOUSE CARE HOME





Our personalised service explained

We are experienced, friendly and professional. We work in partnership with care homes across Greater Glasgow, North and South Lanarkshire and Stirlingshire providing mobile dental services. Our team of dentists, hygienists, therapists and dental care professionals (DCP) have been providing dental care services for over ten years in Scotland.

Supporting your residents with all their dental and oral health needs

We offer free NHS examinations with no visiting fee. We provide all general dental services including dental examinations, soft tissue assessment, hygienist services, denture assessments (including provision of dentures and repairs), fillings, extractions, prosthodontics (including crown and bridgework).

Our dental examination

We carry out an extensive examination including:



Patient's personal details



Social, dental and medical history



Dental anxiety questionnaire



Assessment of teeth, head and neck,
and oral mucosal tissue



Basic periodontal examination
and dentition care needs



Radiographic assessment



Assessment of dentures



Intra oral photos taken if needed



It would be much easier if the dentists came to us, especially for the clients with dementia because you are not taking them out of a safe environment that is comfortable and they are familiar with.

The number of domiciliary dental care visits by dentists has fallen sharply by 58%” (SDNAP, 2010)

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We offer a full tailored treatment plan, and also provide emergency dental care for all residents. A care plan is available.

A fully managed service to maintain oral health

- We diary all routine check up dates including
 - Dental and soft tissue examinations every six months
 - Hygiene reviews every three months
 - Denture review annually
- We manage all administration for registration, including switch from previous dentist where applicable
- Services provided in accordance with NHS dental fees
- Coordinate ongoing maintenance and oral health with care home staff and family members
- Arranging visits to our clinic for more complex treatments
- Arranging referrals for specialist care





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If a resident has any problems with their teeth, we call and they help us right away, often going out of their way to drop in any medication for us. When they are on site, the dental team are good at developing a rapport with the residents.

LAURA MCFADYEN, CARE HOME MANAGER
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- Free NHS oral health checks
- Services delivered on site at your care home
- Fully managed service
- Regular maintenance and treatment plans provided
- Experienced, friendly and professional



Care Home Dental operates as a division of Merrylee Dental Care