

Please Note.....



Children up to the age of 18 years must be accompanied by an adult who holds the right in law to consent to medical treatment for the child .

Allow adequate time to park your car prior to attending the Department of Paediatric Dentistry at the RBHSC or the School of Dentistry as the appointment may have to be cancelled if you are late.



If your child or anyone attending with your child has an allergy to Natural Rubber Latex please let us know on arrival at the clinic.

Following your child's appointment their dentist and possibly some of your child's other health care providers will be informed of your child's dental care.



If a dental problem arises while your child is waiting for an appointment with the Paediatric Dental Department or having treatment provided by them you must attend your dentist or your Community Paediatric Dental Service.

How to Contact Us

BY POST

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Royal Hospitals
180 -184 Falls Rd
Belfast BT12 6BE

BY PHONE

Reception 028 90632048

BY EMAIL

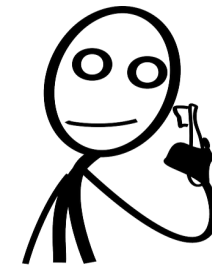
email paeddentalinfo@belfasttrust.hscni.net



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This leaflet outlines what to expect when your child attends the Department of Paediatric Dentistry for their first visit.

Department of Paediatric Dentistry

The Department of Paediatric Dentistry has dental clinics located in,

- **Royal Belfast Hospital for Sick Children (RBHSC)**
- The School of Dentistry, Royal Hospital
- **Community Wellbeing and Treatment Centres across Belfast**

Your appointment letter will state the dental clinic where your child is to be seen.

This is a teaching Trust therefore dental students may be present in the dental clinic.

Your First Appointment - has been agreed.

Subsequent appointments - if your child fails to attend an agreed appointment without informing us we are obliged to discharge your child from our care.

Cancelling appointments - please let us know if you cannot attend an agreed appointment. However, if you cancel two consecutive appointments we may discharge your child from our care.

During your child's treatment if you are awaiting an appointment and have not heard from us please telephone to ensure we have your correct contact details.

What will happen at your first assessment visit ?

- A member of the dental staff will ask you about the reason your child has been referred,
- They will ask about your child's medical and dental history and they will examine your child's face, neck, mouth and teeth,
- X ray pictures may be required. These are taken in the Radiography Department (which may be in a separate building) to provide further information on your child's dental condition.
- Based on all of this information all treatment options are then discussed with you and a plan of dental care is agreed for your child,
- Dental treatment is not usually undertaken at the first visit.
- A consent form may be completed for subsequent appointments

Please allow 1—2 hours for this visit.

What happens next?

A letter will be sent to your referring dentist providing details of our treatment plan.

This may include preventive advice.

We may request that some treatment is provided by both your referring dentist and the Department of Paediatric Dentistry, working together on your child's dental health. If specialist treatment is required your child will be placed on the required treatment waiting list in the RBHSC.

This may include providing some types of dental treatments while your child is awake, with or without sedation, or with a General Anaesthetic (asleep).

You will be provided with information and advice as required for your child's dental treatment.