

Information for Patients

Why have I been referred?

Your dentist has referred you to us to determine if you might be eligible for orthodontic treatment through the HSE.

Why may I need Orthodontic Treatment?

The main reasons for having orthodontic treatment are to improve;

- The appearance of the teeth
- Function – ie make it easier to eat
- The health of the teeth and gums

About your first appointment

Before your first appointment

We highly recommend a visit to your general dentist prior to your assessment appointment. Any patient who is not dentally fit or has substandard oral hygiene will be deemed unsuitable for orthodontic treatment. Your general dentist can provide a check up, advice and treatment if required before you attend for your assessment.

What will happen?

This appointment is a screening appointment where the orthodontist will look at your teeth using a mirror and a ruler and determine if you are eligible for orthodontic treatment. X-rays may also be taken at this appointment to help decide the best treatment for you.

Who will I see?

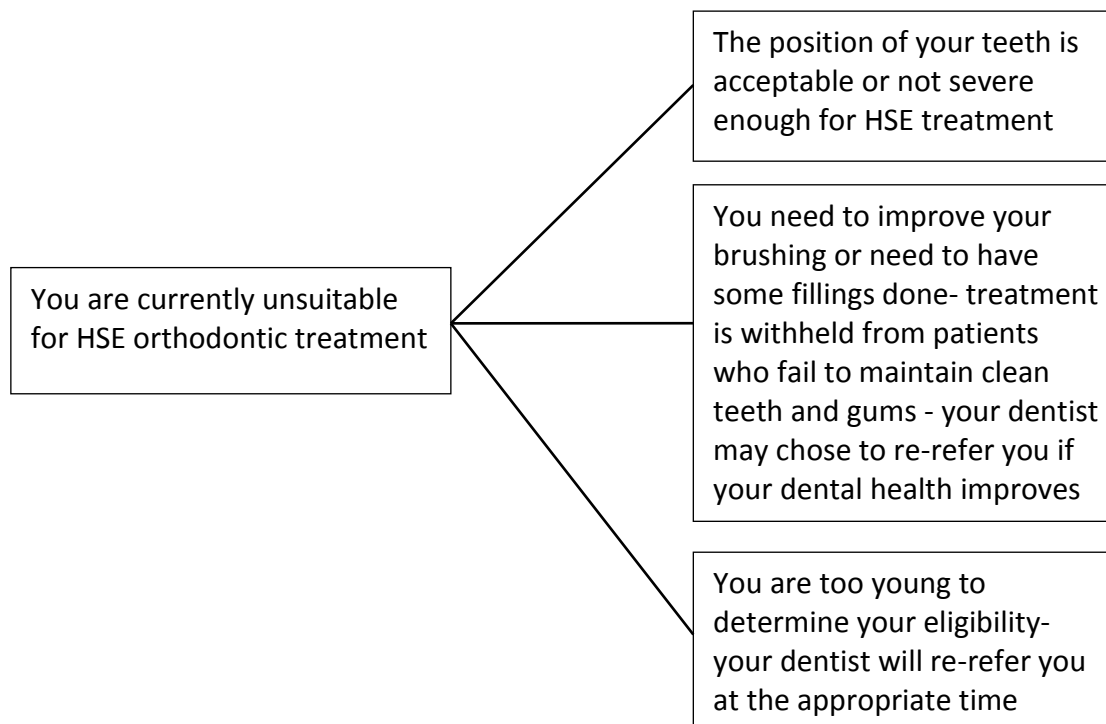
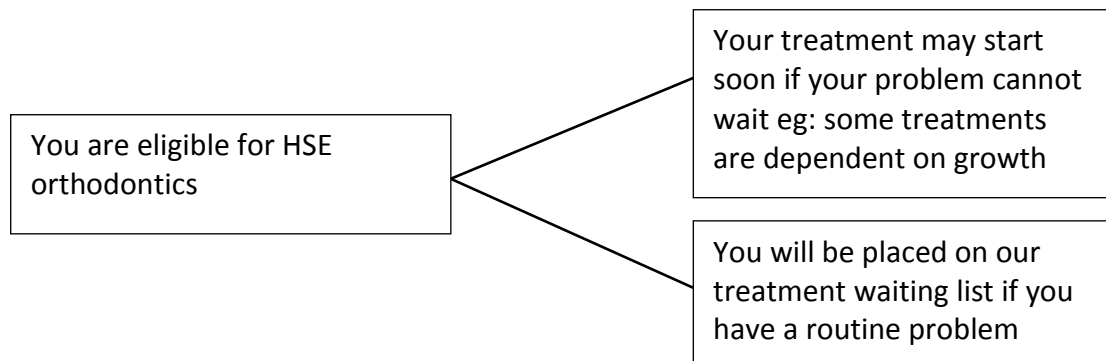
The assessment clinic is run by one of our orthodontic consultants.

How long will the appointment take?

Please be prepared to wait for up to one hour for your appointment. More often the appointment will only take about 5 minutes but if xrays are required then you must allow more time.

What will happen after my first appointment?

There are a number of possible outcomes, which will be explained during your appointment



You are placed on a recall- in cases where we need to review how patients grow or after specific treatment targeting dental development eg: removal of baby teeth

When will treatment start?

Patients requiring urgent treatment will be started as soon as possible while patients with routine malocclusions are added to the treatment waiting list. The treatment waiting list length is subject to change and some clinically urgent cases may be prioritised.