



Statement of Purpose - Q Orthodontics Ltd.

The Practice is registered with the Care Quality Commission for the following activities:

1. Diagnostic and screening procedures

For the whole population, we aim to see each patient at a personal and mutually agreed appointment time to perform a full examination of the hard and soft tissues and supporting structure of the oral cavity with particular reference to the orthodontic needs of our patients. Many of our patients are referred to us by their dentists to help with their orthodontic care. We use diagnostic aids such as x-rays and digital imaging as and when appropriate. Where any abnormalities are detected, then further investigations or referral will be actioned.

2. Treatment of disease, disorder or injury

Following diagnosis and screening, our patients are given an explanation of any items requiring attention, all appropriate treatment options and costs (where applicable) and the pros and cons of each option is explained. The kinds of services we provide are consultations, 2nd opinions, X-rays and orthodontic treatment. Orthodontics is a specialised branch of dentistry related to the correction of tooth and jaw alignment. Orthodontic care can result in an improvement in the cosmetic appearance of both dental and facial aesthetics, improvement in the function and for some individuals, an improvement in self confidence regarding their dental appearance. Together with our patients we aim to make a joint decision about how best to approach an individual's care. Patients will be kept fully informed of proposed interventions at each stage, receive itemised estimations of likely costs and informed consent will be sought at each stage. At all times we aim to provide a service based on prevention and develop a personal regime for each patient within this overarching framework.

3. Surgical procedures

Where a patient requires a surgical procedure at the practice, and we believe that this is within our skill set (such as routine surgical extractions or placement of bone screws for orthodontics) then we will explain the procedure to the patient together with any associated risks and if the patient wishes to proceed, obtain appropriate valid consent. Once completed we will monitor the progress of the patient in accordance with the relevant clinical procedure to ensure that recovery is both full and uneventful.

For more advanced surgical procedures, such as exposure or removal of impacted teeth, jaw surgery, we shall refer to the appropriately qualified consultant or specialist either in a hospital or practice environment.

For completeness we also have some core practice aims and values that we publicly promote to patients and these are as follows:

As a practice we will:

- Wherever possible aim to see patients on time and offer an apology and explanation if we run late by more than 15 minutes.
- Use high quality modern materials and techniques.
- Support continuing staff training and development.
- Spend sufficient time with patients.
- Charge fair and reasonable prices and offer a choice of payment terms.
- Promote a culture of good and open communication with patients so they can help shape our service provision.