

Lakes DHB
Access to Hospital Dental Services
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Purpose:

The purpose of this document is to clarify the eligibility and criteria for entry into dental elective services in Lakes DHB. This document must be read in conjunction with the tier two service specification for Hospital Dental Services.

Hospital Dental Service Users:

The Hospital Dental Service (The Service) provides oral health services for people:

- Who are domiciled in Lakes DHB only. Any requests for the Service from patients outside the DHB must be pre approved by the Portfolio Manager

AND

- Who have oral health requirements that cannot be managed in the community

Criteria:

Patients will be prioritised in the following order:

1. Inpatients requiring basic oral health care in conjunction with their acute hospital inpatient treatment (eg cardiac dental)
2. Individuals with significant medical or congenital conditions that mean their dental care can only be, or is most appropriately, provided in a hospital setting
3. Patients with special needs and/or disabilities (physical, sensory, intellectual or psychological) who are unable to access dental care in the community
4. Children and adolescents under 18 years requiring sedation or a general anaesthetic and/or hospital level services for the provision of their dental treatment
5. **Adolescents under 18 years requiring** surgical removal of symptomatic wisdom teeth that are outside the scope of the dentist providing routine dental care.

Exclusions:

- Treatment that can be provided under the Oral Health Services for Adolescents and Special Dental Services for Children and Adolescents (commonly known as the 'Combined Dental Agreement' or CDA) within the community.
- Specialist dental services (excluding Special Needs Dentistry). As Lakes DHB do not have a range of dental specialists available, where specialist oral health services are required and deemed to be eligible for public funding, these should be referred to Waikato DHB where possible, or may on occasion need to be outsourced to dental specialists in either the Lakes or Waikato DHB areas.
- Orthodontic treatment for dental crowding or mild/moderate skeletal discrepancy

Any exceptions or special circumstances please refer to Katie Ayers, Oral Health Advisor and Approving Officer, midlandoha@icloud.com, 027 457 4934.