



Hello. You may be wondering why your dentist has recommended that you come to see us. Please find below answers to some of the questions we are often asked. We look forward to meeting you and being able to help you.

## **About us**

We are a team of dental specialists who have undertaken 3-5 years of full-time General Dental Council recognised specialist training in a particular branch of dentistry in addition to the 5-year dental degree. This has provided us with additional experience and clinical techniques to manage more complex dental situations. Both Finlay and Steven have worked previously as hospital NHS Consultants in Restorative Dentistry.

As we are a team of specialists in different areas of dentistry, we provide a team approach to treatment drawing on the variety of skills of our highly trained and experienced clinicians. Quite often patients will be treated by more than one of us so that they benefit from our specific area of expertise.

## **Why has my dentist referred me to you?**

There are many reasons why dentists refer their patients to us for treatment. It may be because you require a form of treatment that they do not provide, you may require complex treatment that requires additional training to undertake or you require treatment that requires special equipment and materials. In some ways it is similar to your doctor referring you to a consultant for a medical condition you have e.g. a cardiologist for heart problems.

## **What type of treatments do you provide?**

- State of the art natural looking dentures
- Treatment for worn and broken teeth
- Replacement of missing teeth with dental implants
- Treatments to improve the appearance and strength of teeth for example veneers, crowns, bridges
- Gum disease treatment to help you keep your teeth for as long as possible
- Orthodontic treatment for straightening uneven teeth for adults and children

## **Are you NHS?**

Our Specialist practice is private and family run. The National Health Service (NHS) does not fund any of the treatment provided at our practice.

## **How do I make an appointment to see you?**

We usually receive a referral from your dentist, who will give us details about the dental problem(s) you have. As soon as we receive this, we will call you and arrange an initial consultation. On the telephone we will find out a bit more about you and about the dental problem(s) you have. Alternatively you can call us on 01995 606091 where we will be very happy to help you.

## **What will my first appointment involve?**

The initial consultation involves a detailed discussion and examination of your teeth, the soft tissues of your mouth, how your teeth function together and your smile. Photographs are usually taken to help plan what treatment options are available for you as well as any necessary x-ray pictures (although if you have had recent ones your dentist will normally send them with your referral).

We take as much time as is necessary to discuss your treatment options and often see you for a further visit, if more planning is needed or to discuss your options in more detail (at no extra charge). This is followed up by a written report. You will be informed about which types of treatment are possible as well as the pros and cons of each option. In addition, you will receive a quotation of the fees to provide the treatment.

The consultation for treatment by Finlay Sutton or Steven Barber takes 1½ hour and costs £150.  
The consultation for orthodontic treatment by Rachel Seed takes 1 hour and costs £90.

### **How much will my treatment cost?**

Our fees are calculated on a time basis with laboratory charges added where appropriate. For certain procedures a fixed fee is charged. Our fees take in to account the time taken to provide your treatment in the most predictable way, without compromise, using high quality materials and equipment.

Payments are worked out in installments and we can also arrange for 0% finance through Braemar Finance (subject to approval).

### **Where is your practice?**

We are located in Garstang, Lancashire. Our address, telephone and email address can be found overleaf. Detailed directions to the practice are provided on our website. Alternatively, you can enter PR3 1EL onto your sat nav.

### **Where can I find more information about you?**

Please look on our web site [www.garstangdrp.co.uk](http://www.garstangdrp.co.uk) You will find video and written testimonials of our patients' experiences and before and after photographs of some of the work we have provided; showing the dramatic improvement we make to our patients' quality of lives. The web site provides lots of other useful information about us, the treatment we provide and the level of our fees.

We appreciate that it can be a daunting prospect going to a different dental practice with all the worries associated regarding the treatment process and discussing your dental problems. We will listen and understand your fears and concerns making your experience with us a positive one giving you an excellent result. We love seeing the new confidence that patients gain with their new smiles!

We are really looking forward to meeting you and would love to make a positive difference to the quality of your life.

With very best wishes



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