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## Specialist Prosthodontic Referral Guidelines

**Dear Practitioner,**

The following bullet points outline new criteria for prosthodontic referrals to CCDH from 10th June 2019 onwards:

* The Charles Clifford Dental Hospital is accepting referrals for patients with complex prosthodontic needs for advice and treatment planning.
* Patients that fall within high priority groups or high complexity groups are likely to be prioritised for treatment (see attached guidance).
* You MUST provide adequate justification for the referral for specialist prosthodontic services, stating WHY treatment cannot be provided in primary care.
* If a priority patient is seen for a consultation and the proposed treatment is not deemed to require specialist expertise, the patient will be returned to your care.
* Note that if the referring *NHS Performer* does not feel that she/he has the necessary skills to provide the required treatment, then it is the responsibility of the *NHS Provider* to facilitate/provide the necessary treatment within a primary care setting.
* Consideration for acceptance for treatment may be given to those patients with lower complexity needs IF there is a current undergraduate/postgraduate training need.
* This form must accompany all referrals.
* Associated radiographs (and where available) clinical photos must be provided.

*A prerequisite for acceptance is that ALL caries and periodontal risk factors have been controlled and the dentition is caries free and periodontally stable, unless there is a valid clinical reason to refer before this can be established.*