

Dental Problems: GP Responsibilities

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GUIDANCE FOR SHEFFIELD GPs

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Practices continue to contact the LMC with concerns regarding GPs' responsibilities when patients present with dental problems.

The General Practitioners Committee (GPC) has issued [guidance](#) which covers:

- Emergency dental services;
- Legal and contractual obligations;
- Acute dental conditions;
- Oral cancer / pathology;
- Prescribing.

Sheffield Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) guidance [Oral Health – A brief guide for General Practitioners and other primary care clinicians](#) contains information on:

- The circumstances when the specialist dental services might request the GP to continue the supply of oral health preparations;
- Medication that can affect oral health;
- Where to signpost patients to that need to access dental services.

In addition, the LMC has issued [guidance](#) on requests to prescribe fluoride based toothpastes.