

Oral and maxillofacial surgery (OMFS) – First Outpatient Appointment

Introduction

The Covid pandemic has had a significant impact on the NHS ability to provide routine elective services. We recognise that patients are waiting longer than we would all like and it is not always possible to identify when treatment will take place.

Waiting Times

As a guide, referral to treatment waiting times are available on the Trust website –

[The Rotherham NHS Foundation Trust – My Planned Care NHS](#)

Guidance for Patients

An example of common conditions treated by the OMFS department after receiving referral from GP or Dentist.

- Facial injuries trauma
- Temporomandibular joint (TMJ) Pain
- Signs and symptoms of head and neck cancers.
- Facial skin cancers requiring further investigations.
- Assessment for surgical procedures for the jaw and mouth.
- Complex surgical removal of teeth.
- Diseases of the salivary gland.

Procedures Performed

- Surgical extractions
- Intraoral/extraoral biopsies
- Apicectomies (Removal of the tip of the root of the tooth)
- Exposure of impacted teeth for orthodontic purposes
- Treatment of facial trauma
- Removal of skin cancers/benign skin lesions
- Diagnosis of oral cancer
- Referral for Sialendoscopy (treatment and diagnosis of salivary gland disorders)
- Treatment of temporomandibular joint dysfunction

Other services.

We have an on-site laboratory that provides technical support and treatment for clinicians and patients. Their expertise lies in the production of individual custom-made appliances and prostheses to aid the treatment and rehabilitation of patients.

My Planned Care Patient Information Platform

What should I do if my health is deteriorating?

The referral from your GP will have been reviewed and triaged by the OMFS team to grade your clinical priority based on the information in the referral.

If you are concerned that your condition or symptoms are deteriorating since you were referred to us, please re contact your GP or dentist. So you will be able to explain and detail the changes in your condition/symptoms since the time you were referred, and this will be passed to the clinical team will re-assess your priority.

In the case of needing emergency care or urgent review, please contact 111 or your own GP.

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