

How can I get NHS dental care?



We get many enquiries from people who are having difficulty accessing NHS dental care. This has been a national problem for some time.

Online 'Find a Dentist' Service – Routine Appointments

You can search for an NHS dentist online using [Find a Dentist](#).

This list is not always up to date, so it is best to then call the dentist to check whether they are taking on new NHS patients.

If you cannot find a dentist who will treat you on the NHS, we would advise you to get on a waiting list at several dentists for when they do start to take on new patients.

Emergency or Urgent Dental Care

If you need emergency or urgent dental care, and you are not currently under treatment with a dentist locally, then you can contact the [Staffordshire Community Dental Services](#) on 0300 123 0981.

They will provide you with details of how to access emergency dental care in Staffordshire.

Recent Improvements

In the past year, some measures have been introduced to address problems accessing dental care. You can read more about this in our report '[Staffordshire NHS Dental Services Explained](#)' published in September 2025.

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