



Understanding NHS dental charges

Dentistry is one of the few NHS services where you have to pay a contribution towards the cost of your care. The information on this page explains what you may have to pay for your NHS dental treatment.

Fees as of 1st April 2017

- **Emergency dental treatment – £20.60**
This covers emergency care in a primary care NHS dental practice such as pain relief or a temporary filling.
- **Band 1 course of treatment – £20.60**
This covers an examination, diagnosis (including X-rays), advice on how to prevent future problems, a scale and polish if clinically needed, and preventative care such as the application of fluoride varnish or fissure sealant if appropriate.
- **Band 2 course of treatment – £56.30**
This covers everything listed in Band 1 above, plus any further treatment such as fillings, root canal work or removal of teeth but not more complex items covered by Band 3.
- **Band 3 course of treatment – £244.30**
This covers everything listed in Bands 1 and 2 above, plus crowns, dentures, bridges and other laboratory work.