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Treatment you can get from an NHS dentist



Easy read booklet

Who we are and what this booklet is about



We are **NHS Scotland** and **The Scottish Government**. We help run NHS dentists in Scotland.



There have been some changes to the treatments you can get from an NHS dentist in Scotland.



We want everyone to understand these changes and know what treatment they can get.



This booklet tells you about different treatments and how much they cost.

Cost of treatment



Some people pay for treatment from their NHS dentist and some people pay less money, or no money.



If you pay for treatment from your NHS dentist, you already pay 80% of the total cost.



This means we pay for 20% of the total cost.



The most amount of money you pay for treatment is £384.



If your treatment costs more than £384 we pay the rest of the money.



Most people pay a lot less than £384 for treatment.



No one has to pay to have a **check up** at their NHS dentist.



A **check up** is when your dentist does their regular check of the health of your teeth.

Changes to cost of treatment



It has started to cost NHS dentists more money to give people treatment.



We want to make sure we can keep giving everyone the treatment they need.



If you pay for treatment from your NHS dentist, you will have to pay slightly more from **1 November 2023**.



You will not have to pay to have a check up at your NHS dentist

Cheaper treatment



Some people can pay less money for treatment from an NHS dentist.



The **NHS Low Income Scheme** can help people who do not earn a lot of money to pay for healthcare treatment.



To join this scheme, we will ask questions about you and how much money you earn.



Click the link below to find out what help you can get to pay for treatment from an NHS dentist

[Help with treatment costs](#)

Free treatment



Some people do not have to pay any money for treatment from an NHS dentist.



You do not have to pay if you

- are 25 years old or younger.



- are pregnant.

- have given birth in the last year.



- get certain benefits.



- earn a certain amount of money.

Treatment costs



Treatment

Costs

Check up.

No cost

Check up and advice
about how to look after
your teeth. They might
clean your teeth.

£15.68

2 small **X rays**. An **X ray** is
when a dentist takes a
photo of the inside of your
body, like your bones.

£11.04

1 large X ray of your teeth
and jaws.

£13.56

Mouth and gum cleaning
over 1 to 4 visits.

**£32.24 to
£93.32**

Treatment

costs



Small white **filling**.

A **filling** is when a dentist fills the inside of an unhealthy tooth that has small holes inside it.

£21.20



Small metal filling.

£12.72



Large metal filling.

£27.12



Root canal. A **root canal** is when a dentist cleans out the inside of a tooth and then fills the space left inside it.

**£94.96 to
£153.48**



To have a root canal again.

**£94.96 to
£153.48**
and then
an extra
£44.08

Treatment

costs



1 **crown**. Only people who are 17 years old or older can have a **crown**. A **crown** is a small cap you put over an unhealthy tooth that has small holes inside of it.

**£149.24 to
£185.72**



Simple tooth **extraction**. **Extraction** means your tooth is taken out of your mouth.

£28.84



Difficult tooth extraction.

**£55.12 to
£75.48**



Complete set of **dentures** for your top and bottom set of teeth. **Dentures** are a set of fake teeth you can take in and out of your mouth. They replace missing teeth.

£344.32