

News release

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Re-vamped Huddersfield dental surgery up and running

Exciting developments have taken shape at Crosland Moor Dental Surgery to improve patient care and increase the number of NHS patients that are able to register at the practice.

Crosland Moor Dental Surgery, established in 1982 and acquired by Dr. M. Dhinsa in September 2008, has expanded from a one surgery to a three surgery practice. The size of the dental team has also increased from three to seven members of staff. The refurbishment started in January 2009 and the practice is now fully modernised, with a new computer system installed alongside the latest hi-tech dental equipment - including full digital radiography.

Dr Dhinsa said: "Here at Crosland Moor Dental Clinic we are committed to constantly improving patient care through providing first class dental treatment in modern, up to date, state of the art facilities. Our commitment and endeavor has been greatly appreciated by the friendly and supportive community of Crosland Moor and the surrounding areas. I would like to thank all involved in the refurbishment project at Crosland Moor Dental Clinic as well as NHS Kirklees for helping us to achieve our goals.

Going forward our main priority is to continue to dramatically reduce waiting lists and continue to provide a high standard of care. Personally speaking this has been a substantial project both financially and physically, however I now feel very proud to own and work in a five star NHS dental practice!"

The practice has also been approved as a Vocational Training Practice, with a Vocational Dental Practitioner having joined the practice.

Mike Potts, Chief Executive, NHS Kirklees said: “This development will improve access to NHS dentistry by providing treatment closer to home. This supports the national guidance set out in the World Class Commissioning document, ‘Improving dental access, quality and oral health’ alongside the NHS Kirklees Oral Health Strategy.”

Last year NHS Kirklees unveiled its oral health strategy, which underpins the organisations long-term goal to reduce inequalities in oral health for the people of Kirklees by providing good quality, accessible services and, wherever possible, by working with partners to achieve this.

If you wish to receive routine dental care you must call the Dental Registration Line on 0800 587 2417.

Ends.

Notes to News Desk

1. NHS Kirklees is the main NHS body responsible for healthcare and health improvement for people living in the district. NHS Kirklees commissions - that is plans and pays for - any health services you might need. This includes hospitals, ambulances, mental health and other specialist services. NHS Kirklees also agree contracts with local GPs, dentists, pharmacists and optometrists to deliver high-quality services for local people.
2. NHS Kirklees operates the dental registration line (0800 587 2417) for people who do not have a regular dentist.
3. ‘Primary care and community services: improving dental access, quality and oral health’ is available on the Department of Health website at http://www.dh.gov.uk/en/Publicationsandstatistics/Publications/PublicationsPolicyAndGuidance/DH_093831

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