

In response to local and national interest in the availability (or lack of it) of NHS Dental Care and the shortage of dentists, SpaDental has pro-actively recruited dental therapists to work in the group of nine practices. Dental therapists work within a GDC Scope of Practice well suited to the needs of our younger population.

SpaDental is pleased to announce that a new dental therapist working in SpaDental Whitchurch enables the practice to provide an increased number of appointments to children and a few adults.

In this press release, our focus is on dental therapists providing preventive care to support children's oral health.

NHS Funded Children's Appointments Available

SpaDental Whitchurch is pleased to announce the availability of NHS funded appointments. Take advantage of this great opportunity! Parents and guardians of children under 18 are encouraged to get in touch with SpaDental Whitchurch to make an appointment.



Recognising the need for children to be able to access NHS dental care, earlier this year SpaDental applied to increase their contingent of NHS funded patients. SpaDental is delighted to be able to offer even more appointment time to children 17 years of age or younger. 18-year-olds can also apply if they are still in full-time education.

Managing Director of SpaDental, Christopher Hilling, says: “At our Whitchurch practice we are keen to get the message out to parents of potential patients that we have at least 500 children’s Saturday appointments available. So far the response has been less than we expected. At other SpaDental practices demand for children’s health care is so great we could fill every available appointment multiple times over.”

As well as our popular dentist, Adindu Etugo, [described by many](#) patients as ‘a lovely and kind dentist,’ SpaDental has recruited Abel Adeosun. An experienced dentist in his home country, Abel is registered to work in the UK as a Dental Therapist while he waits for an opportunity to sit examinations and register as a dentist in the UK. Abel is father to two young daughters and is looking forward to helping young people in Shropshire learn how to maintain or improve their oral health.

- **Good to know: Children of 16 and older can book their own appointments!**

As a dental therapist Abel has a broad range of skills which allow him to complete examinations, plan and provide most treatments for younger children and routine treatment on older children. Children will receive advice on brushing, diet and making good choices, and be encouraged to return for regular examinations to maintain their oral health.

Practice Manager, Sheilagh Cooper, says: “We want to help young people benefit from the excellent oral health care we can offer funded by the NHS. We look forward to an enthusiastic response.”

Regular dental appointments are important for children of all ages. SpaDental even encourages parents or guardians to bring babies for an appointment before their first birthday, [supporting the Dental Check by 1 campaign](#). Early appointments help young children get used to the clinical environment.

Once children develop their secondary teeth, effective preventive care is essential for their teeth to stay healthy for a lifetime. Teenagers who suffer from dental pain perform less well in their GCSEs. Regular check-ups, however, helps prevent concerns developing into problems.

A patient review: “Great service! My son attends to get him used to seeing the dentist. This is absolutely amazing and will benefit so many young children to not have a fear of seeing the dentist!!”

Too often a child’s first experience of a dentist is after an accident or when the child experiences dental pain. SpaDental’s philosophy is to focus on effective preventive care, so children learn how to keep their teeth healthy and their mouths comfortable.

**SpaDental Whitchurch is located in Corser House, 17 Green End, SY13 1AD.
[They invite applications for appointments through their online form.](#)**

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