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Question/s to be answered

I would appreciate if you could provide me with a list of all the NHS dentists in your area, the names of the practices and also what the wait time to register as a new patient for each on is.

Dentists Currently actively working/treating patients NHS Shetland Public Dental Service

- Andrew Kinnear
- Joanne Peat
- Janet Adair
- Kay Munro
- Eleanor Mackay
- Paul D'Eathe
- Wayne Badier
- Stephanie Keith (currently on maternity leave)
- Nick Cole (short-term locum)
- Antony Visocchi (Director of Dentistry – occasional clinic work only)
- Grant McIntyre (visiting orthodontic consultant)

NHS Shetland Public Dental Service exists primarily to provide dental care for patients identified as belonging to Priority Groups. These groups include children, those with complex medical backgrounds, people with special needs and those in care.

Those patients not classified as belonging to a priority group, are therefore categorised as able to receive treatment within the General Dental Service (the 'high street' dentist).

All NHS Services across the whole country are straining with the backlog of treatment requirements as well as ongoing patient needs. The Dental Services are no different.

The number of patients under the care of NHS Shetland PDS has always been disproportionately large and access has always been a long term challenge for any remote and rural community. The effect of COVID has added to this problem. Long term plans are also being pursued to increase access to dental services across the whole of the community. However, these plans will take time to agree and implement.

In the meantime, NHS Shetland PDS can only care for patients who fall into one of the following 3 categories;

1. Emergency Care for those registered with the PDS or those not registered with a dentist at all. Patients should contact us if they need to be seen as an emergency for:
 - pain,
 - infection,
 - trauma, or
 - any worrying patch in the mouth.
2. Identified Priority Groups
3. enhanced care for oral surgery and orthodontic treatment

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NHS dentists currently actively working/treating patients at the independent NHS practice, Lerwick Dental Practice;

- Mahnaz Kawari
- Krupa Muni

Please Note:

We are only able to comment on the care being provided within NHS Shetland Public Dental Service, and not the independent practice.

Care at Lerwick Dental Practice is undertaken by independent contractors. It is their decision as to whether they take on new NHS patients or not. Please contact them directly for their most up-to-date position