

Service Level Agreement for the Referral of Patients to Hospital Lane Dental Clinic for Dental Cone Beam CT Examinations

At Hospital Lane Dental Clinic we offer a referral service for Cone Beam Computed Tomography (CBCT) for outside practitioners. The Health Protection Agency (HPA) regulations require us as owners/operators of the Cone Beam CT unit to ensure that referrers of the patients for CBCT imaging have adequate training in justification, interpretation and reporting of the 3D images we provide.

The HPA-CRCE-010 CBCT Core Curriculum course follows the Core Curriculum requirements of the HPA-CRCE-010 guideline document for an operator (reporting) operator (imaging) IRMER Practitioner and Referrer. This activity meets the criteria required for Verifiable Continuing Professional Development under the General Dental Council's Lifelong Learning scheme and represents 6 hours verifiable CPD. To satisfy the core curriculum this training should be followed by practical training in the use of the CBCT software.

All the dentists at Hospital Lane Dental Clinic involved in dental implant treatment planning and placement have had verifiable external and "In House" training in the use of CBCT as well as radiological interpretation, reporting and treatment planning using the EasyDent 3D viewer software. This is in addition to the GDC requirement of Core Radiation Protection 5 year updates. We are happy to offer advice and support in the use of the EasyDent 3D viewer software to referring practitioners who request it.

The Hospital Lane Service Level Agreement document was created by using a template provided by the Health Protection Agency. The "Legal Person" (Practice Owner) from both the referring practice and the CBCT Practice are required to sign the agreement as they are ultimately responsible for implementing the Ionising Radiation Regulations 2017 IRR17 and the Ionising Radiation Medical Exposure Regulations 2017 IRMER17 for all practitioners within their practices according to the Health Protection Agency.

To provide the Cone Beam CT referral service and comply with the regulations a Service Level Agreement has to be set up between referring practices and ourselves.

If we can be of any further assistance please do not hesitate to contact us.

Hospital Lane Dental Clinic.