

How much will the familiarization visits cost?

That will be a matter for you to discuss with your chosen dentist.

What happens if young people are part way through a course of treatment when they reach 18?

We will complete this treatment so long as they do not miss (or cancel) appointments.



Will the family dentist get copies of our child's dental records?

They can, but there will be a cost for this. Alternatively, we will send a detailed letter to the private dentist explaining past treatments, any existing concerns and information about how we have adapted our clinical practices to help your child. We will also send copies of any recent x-rays.

We are here to help with the transition so please do contact us if you need any more help.

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Where to next for dental care?



How long can my child stay with the Children's Dental Service?

Any pupil at Le Murier, or student on the access course at the College of Further Education can stay with the Children's Dental Service until their 18th birthday.



Where do young people go after their 18th birthday for their dental care?

Once young people are 18 they will need to go to a family dentist. Future check-ups and treatments will need to be paid for unless your child is entitled to support through supplementary benefit or the Medical Expenses Assistance Scheme (MEAS).

Are there any dentists you would recommend?

Ideally your child should go to your family dentist. We suggest you talk to your dentist and see whether this is appropriate for everyone concerned. Alternatively, there are several practices who have the facilities and experience to provide dental care for young adults who may need more support and time than the majority of their patients. We can provide you with the details of these practices.

What is the best way to arrange this transfer to the adult services?

Our aim is the same as yours - the most important thing is to make the transfer as easy as possible for your child. We recommend a period of "shared care" so that your child can adjust to this transfer.

When should we start shared care?

We would recommend that we start thinking about the shared care when your child is 16 years old.

How will this work?

During this time your child will continue to come to the Children's Dental Service for their check-ups and any necessary treatment whilst having familiarisation visits with their new dentist.