

## **Your child has been assessed as inappropriate for NHS Orthodontic Assessment**

To receive NHS orthodontic treatment patients need to be assessed by an orthodontist using a special index called the Index of Orthodontic Treatment Need (IOTN). When the index is measured at or above a level set by national guidance, it is clinically appropriate for them to receive NHS orthodontic treatment. Where a dentist believes this to be applicable to a patient they will refer them to an orthodontist for confirmation.

Your dentist has identified that an NHS referral for an orthodontic assessment for your child is not clinically suitable. This is because the dental assessment indicates that your child's IOTN would fall below the nationally set level.

There is an appeals procedure in place to consider cases where you, your child or your dentist feel that orthodontic treatment on the NHS is appropriate but your child does not qualify when assessed by your dentist. Your dentist can provide details how an appeal can be made.

Alternatively, you may wish to consider private orthodontic treatment for your child. Your dentist can provide guidance on seeking a private consultation.