

Colchester Orthodontic Centre

Summer 2017 Newsletter



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I'd like to start this Newsletter by thanking all those who attended our **CPD evening** on Tuesday 27th June 2017 on the topic of 'NHS Orthodontic Referrals, What to refer, When and Where'. I hope you found it informative and that you all took some helpful tips away to assist with your NHS orthodontic referrals. We intend running this presentation again later in the year for anyone interested. Please contact Megan, our practice manager, for further information. megan@colchesterorthodontics.co.uk.

Website Launch!



We mentioned in our last newsletter the redesign of our website was underway. We are very excited to announce it has officially launched. Please take a moment to check it out!

www.colchesterorthodontics.co.uk

We have introduced a dentist area which we hope you will find useful. In this area, you can refer private patients online, keep an eye on any upcoming CPD events, lunch and learns and keep up to date with our newsletters. You can also send any general enquiries via our contact form. Of course private referrals can still be sent via post if preferred.

Special offer!

We are offering 20% off private treatment for all employees of referring dentists. Please inform your staff!



A fantastic result for this young man!



Case of the month!

I think you will all agree that this is a spectacular result!

Treatment for this young man included a removable appliance, extractions, an exposure, elastics and upper and lower fixed braces. This young man has recently completed treatment and is now wearing retainers to maintain his fantastic smile!

Why do we have an NHS waiting list?

As you will all know we have a limited amount of funding available each year, this causes a waiting list to start orthodontic treatment. Being a specialist practice, we receive a high number of referrals. This together with the limited funding has caused the wait to increase to a current time of approximately 2 years.

What if a patient requires treatment earlier than the 2 year wait?

We are currently aiming to offer any urgent referrals an urgent assessment within 3 months. Patients seen on these clinics may have a clinical need to start treatment ahead of the 2 year waiting list and will do if necessary. Alternatively, they will join the 2 year waiting list or be referred back to their dentist. If a referral isn't deemed as urgent the patient will join our 2 year waiting list. This is why it is SO important to give as much information as possible on the referral form including any x-rays if possible. If you are a dentist requiring advice on a referral or would like to know what an urgent referral would be please don't hesitate to contact me on gareth@colchesterorthodontics.co.uk.