



Child Safety Policy

The practice is committed to creating and maintaining a safe environment for young children. For the purpose of this policy a young child is defined as somebody who their parent or carer considers is too young to visit the dental practice on their own. This practice recognises the complexity of laws regulating child minding and has created this policy because team members do not have the training or insurance to look after other people's children.

Whilst on the premises young children must be accompanied by a parent or carer at all times. Team members are unable to accept the responsibility for looking after young children whilst their parent or carer is having dental treatment.

Reception staff will advise the parents or carers of young children to make childcare arrangements when planning their dental appointments, whenever possible. If childcare arrangements cannot be made, the reception staff will ask the parent or carer to take the child into the treatment room with them.

If the parent or carer is unable to co-operate, the reception staff will consult with the Practice Manager, James Dalton.

This policy operates together with the Child and Vulnerable Adult Protection Policy (M 233-CVP).

