



Chaperone Policy

This practice is committed to providing a safe, supportive environment for patients.

When examining or treating patients, the practitioner will aim to have someone else, preferably a GDC registered team member, present in the room. The primary purpose of having a chaperone is to assist in the unlikely event of a medical emergency.

A chaperone can also:

- Assist the practitioner
- Provide emotional comfort and reassurance to the patient
- Act as an interpreter
- Be a third party in case there is a necessity to provide evidence about the treatment or appointment

In exceptional circumstances, it may not be possible to have a chaperone present for out of hours medical emergencies and in these cases the clinician involved will assess the possible risks to the patient before starting treatment.

This policy should be read in conjunction with:

- Working Without Chairside Support (M 297)
- Lone Working Policy (M 233-LWP)

