



Dear patients,

Re: Hygienist Appointments

From Monday 17th September 2012 hygienist appointments within the practice will only be available on a private basis.

The cost of these appointments will be £35 per visit. The appointment time will be increased from 20 minutes to 30 minutes. The only exception to this will be those patients who require prolonged treatment/ Root surface debridement treatment (NHS treatment band 2- £47.00)

I am sorry for this change but financial pressures have made this necessary as it is no longer viable to support the cost of employing a hygienist under the NHS. This charge will bring us in line with almost all other dental practices in Lincolnshire and across the country.

Patients should be fully aware that they are under **no obligation** to continue to see the hygienist and if they wish, can continue to have their scaling done under the terms of the NHS. This will be carried out by their treating dentists during the inspection appointment.

Please do not hesitate to contact any member of the dental team if you have any queries.

AW Gemmell