

Person Specification

Dental Nurse

Criteria	Essential	Desirable
Qualifications	<p>GCSEs with grade C and above in English and Maths, or equivalent qualification.</p> <p>National Certificate in Dental Nursing or NVQ Level 3 Dental Nursing qualification.</p> <p>Valid GDC registration</p>	
Knowledge	<p>Duties and responsibilities of a Registered Dental Nurse</p> <p>Knowledge of legislation related to Infection Control and Decontamination.</p> <p>Awareness of Risk Assessment and Health and Safety Policies</p> <p>Awareness of safeguarding issues</p> <p>Awareness of Data Protection and Information Governance</p> <p>Knowledge of range of NHS Community dental services</p> <p>Up to date with legislation and current procedures relating to dentistry/Clinical Governance</p>	
Experience	<p>Recent experience of working as a dental nurse</p> <p>Experience of working in a Community Dental Service and/or General Dental Practice</p>	
Skills	<p>Effective communication with patients, the Dental Team and other health professionals</p> <p>Good organizational and planning skills to ensure effective provision of service</p> <p>High degree of manual dexterity, co-ordination and awareness of the use and maintenance of specialized equipment</p> <p>Commitment to a high standard of patient care</p>	

	<p>Acceptance of responsibility and accountability for own work</p> <p>Recognises the limits of own authority within the role</p> <p>Seeks and uses professional support appropriately</p> <p>Ability to work as an effective member of a team</p> <p>Excellent computer skills using packages such as SOEL Health, Sidexis, Microsoft packages</p> <p>Good time management</p> <p>Willingness to engage in CPD and regular updating and extension of skills</p>	
<p>Physical Factors</p>	<p>Good general health</p> <p>Ability to withstand stressful situations/environments</p> <p>Ability to adjust to change</p> <p>Ability to travel between dental sites in a timely manner</p> <p>Flexibility to meet the needs of the service</p>	