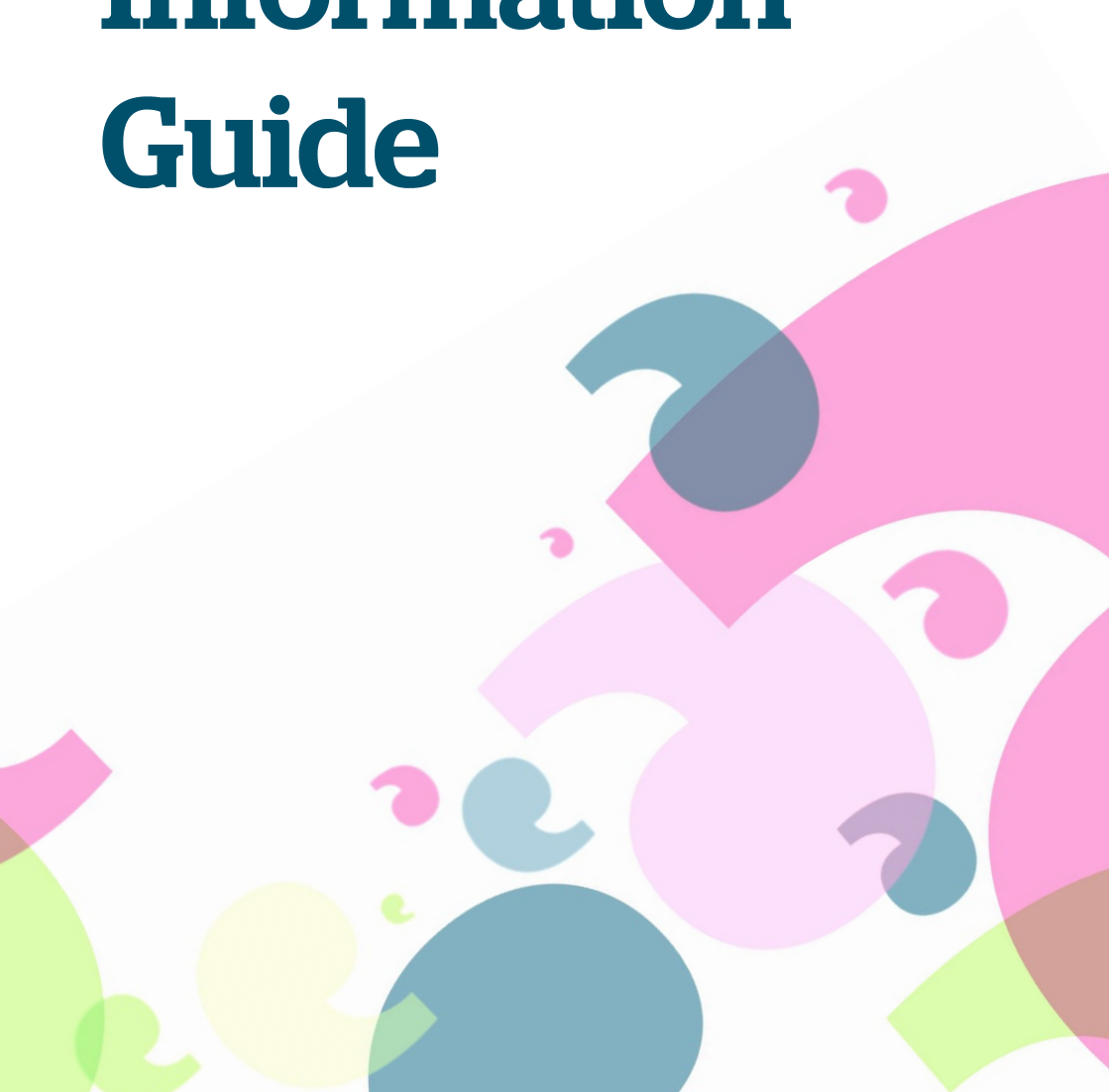


# Healthwatch Information Guide



Healthwatch NEL have received a high volume of inquiries regarding NHS dentists. There is an ongoing issue within North East Lincolnshire and the wider areas, with a lack of dentists taking on NHS patients. We are aware of the issue and it is something we have been working on for some time now and will continue to work on with the appropriate parties.

## How do I find an NHS Dentist?

Although it is very difficult at present to find a dentist that is taking on new patients, it is not impossible and so persistence is key. Our advice is to continue to regularly contact local dentists within Grimsby and surrounding areas and request to be placed on their waiting lists. You can find a list of dentists and their contact details here: <https://www.nhs.uk/service-search/find-a-dentist>. Remember, you do not have to register with a local dentist. You can register anywhere if you are willing to travel and you do not have to live within a catchment area.

## If you already have a dentist:

We advise you to ensure you keep your place by ensuring you make and keep your appointments every six months.

## Emergency Treatment

If you require emergency treatment and you are registered with a dental practice, you should contact them as soon as possible for an emergency appointment. If you are not registered with a dental practice, you should contact 111. Please note, if you believe you are in a life-threatening situation you should call 999 immediately.

## Private Treatment

Private treatment may be worth considering and could be suitable depending upon your own personal circumstances. Some practices offer their own private schemes, which are not significantly different to NHS treatment prices. You could enquire about by telephoning the practice or looking online.

## Community Dental Service

The Community Dental Service is provided to children with high levels of dental problems, people with special needs and the elderly. You can find out more at: <https://www.nlg.nhs.uk/services/community-dental/>

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