

# Leith Community Treatment Centre Dental Clinic

## Information for patients

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We run a drop-in dental clinic on Thursdays, 09:45 - 15:00 for patients who are homeless:

Appointments are first-come first-served.

- Please knock on the door and take a seat, we will then take your name.
- You will be asked to wait or return later in the day for your appointment.
- Once the clinic is full, we cannot accommodate extra patients.
- If we are full/closed, visit Chalmers Dental Centre or phone 0131 537 8801/8802 (details overleaf).

We are able to carry out urgent and routine dental treatment to improve your oral health, including:

- Extractions
- Fillings
- Gum disease treatment
- Oral health advice

\*Please note, we do not provide implants or cosmetic treatment.

## Frequently asked questions

### **I have an urgent dental problem but the drop-in clinic is full/closed.**

For urgent dental problems, phone Chalmers Dental Centre on 0131 537 8801/8802 (phone NHS24 on 111 if evenings/weekends). All urgent problems will aim to be seen within 24 hours. If you do not have a phone, present this leaflet or the Leith clinic card to Chalmers reception staff who will happily assist you.

### **I am happy to register with a dentist but I am struggling to find one.**

A lot of NHS practices will let you join a waiting list. For help finding an NHS dentist, visit the website below or scan the following QR code:

<https://weare.nhslothian.scot/dentists>



### **Can my friends and family register at Leith Dental Clinic?**

Unfortunately not. We can only see patients who are homeless.

### **I have been treated at your clinic. Are you now my regular dentist?**

We only provide a one-off course of treatment to stabilise your oral health. We don't book future check-up appointments. We would advise registering with a dentist, or if this is not possible then please re-attend one of the drop-in sessions if you have a dental problem.

### **Why can't I get all my treatment done in one go?**

Due to the volume of patients wanting appointments with us, we have to limit the time per patient to 30 minutes. This is to make it fair for everyone.

### **I'm anxious, can I be put to sleep for my treatment?**

We cannot provide sedation or general anaesthesia within our clinic, however, please speak to the dental team if you are very anxious as we will try and help you as best as we can.

