

## Person Specification

### Dental Nurse

Criteria	Essential	Desirable
<b>Qualifications</b>	<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>	
<b>Knowledge</b>	<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>	
<b>Experience</b>	<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>	
<b>Skills</b>	<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>	

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