



## Dental Problems



Please do not contact the GP regarding dental issues such as **toothache, gum problems, wisdom teeth, bleeding from gums and any other mouth related problems**. GPs are not trained or insured to deal with these issues.

**However, if you are experiencing extreme facial swelling and/or severe infection with a high fever, you will need to either, contact your GP, call NHS 111 or go directly to A&E.**

	<b>During Normal working Hours</b>	<b>Outside Normal Working Hours</b>
<b>Registered with a Dentist</b>	<p>Please call your dentist directly and they will be able to assist you.</p> <p><i>Please note if your dentist is not able to see you as soon as you would like, it is not appropriate to call your GP as an alternative.</i></p>	<p>Please call the East Sussex Emergency NHS Dental Service on <b>01323 449 170*</b></p>
<b>Not registered with a Dentist</b>	<p>Please call the NHS Dental Helpline on <b>0300 123 1663</b>. They will be able to advise you on the nearest dentist taking on NHS patients. Their phone lines are open 08:00-16:00 Monday to Friday.</p> <p><i>Please note if you are not registered with a dentist, it is not appropriate to contact your GP with a dental problem as an alternative.</i></p>	<p>Please call the East Sussex Emergency NHS Dental Service on <b>01323 449 170*</b></p>

\* The East Sussex Emergency NHS Dental Service offers Out of Hours temporary, urgent treatment to patients who reside in East Sussex. Patients contacting the service will be triaged and an appointment will be offered to those that meet the criteria.

Please note this is not a drop in service – an appointment must be made prior to attendance.

The Week Evening Service Appointment Line is available between 18:00-22:30 with appointments between 19:00-21:00.

The Weekend and Bank Holiday Service Appointment Line is available between 13:00-17:30 with appointments between 14:00-16:00.