

## Patient Safety Charter Policy

Our practice has a safety culture which means that patient safety is at the forefront of everyone's minds not only when delivering healthcare but also when setting objectives, developing procedures, purchasing new products and equipment. It is also a culture that is open and fair, where team members can discuss the challenges they face at work for the best interests of our patients. For patient safety we:

- Follow the latest infection prevention guidelines including those from NHS England
- Use dental instruments that are single use, or are sterilised after each patient use
- Decontaminate work areas including the dental chair, hand held equipment and cupboard handles, in between patients
- Maintain a high standard of personal hygiene including clinical clothing and the restricted wearing of jewellery
- Monitor practice water for quality. Dental unit waterlines are disinfected and kept clear
- Handle waste according to current regulations and dispose of it with appropriate carriers
- Take expert advice if a team member may have a blood borne infection. The team member will have an occupational health examination and follow professional advice on their role in treating

All our team members are trained in safeguarding of children and vulnerable adults and follow the practice safeguarding procedures, which are regularly monitored and reviewed.

The practice is kept up to date with the latest guidelines, good practice and regulations. We always continually aim to meet high standards of patient safety, care and service.

As the Practice Owner, we have overall responsibility for the practice. We lead and support the team through regular meetings, staff training, personal development and regular appraisals.

We always welcome questions, comments and suggestions from patients and the team. Please contact Poonam Ramanandi the Practice Manager, if we can help you in any way.

We are committed to providing a high standard of dental treatment in a safe & caring environment;

- The practice is committed to following the latest regulations, legislation and guidelines including those for infection prevention and control.
- The practices have policies and procedures that the team follow to ensure that high standards of care can be maintained;
- The practice is an equal opportunity employer and is committed to encouraging equality, diversity and personal growth in the dental team; and
- The practice is committed to contributing to the knowledge, skills and positive public perception of the dental profession.

Yours faithfully,

Dr. Poonam Ramanandi and Dr. Veenesh Ramanandi  
Owners

The Practice