

Adverse Incident Reports to BOS

Since the last edition of CEB the following incidents have been reported to the Society through our confidential reporting system.

In May 2018 a boy attended the Orthodontic Department for bonding of his lower arch. During the procedure a LL6 bracket became loose and the patient reported swallowing it. The patient and parent were informed that although it had most likely been swallowed rather than inhaled they should be aware of signs and symptoms. They were asked to seek medical help if problems ensued. A letter was written to the patient's GP with details of the incident.

In August a 12 year old girl attended for an upper bond-up in the orthodontic department, during which a premolar bracket was swallowed. The patient and her mother were told to attend Urgent Care if she developed a cough, abdominal pain, temperature or generally felt unwell. A hospital Incident form was completed and a letter written to the GP.

All of the incidents currently reported in 2018 relate to ingestion of instruments or appliance components.

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