

Why Orthodontics? An overview

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Introductions

- Full-time Consultant Orthodontist
 - Teaching Hospital - Bristol
 - District General Hospital - Taunton
- Chair, Consultant Orthodontist Group, BOS
- Previous Director of Clinical Governance, BOS and Trustee of BOS, 2010-2015
- Very Part-time Specialist Practitioner!



Learning objectives:

- To review
 - What is orthodontics
 - What do we do?
 - Why patients seek treatment
 - Why GDPs refer



Orthodontics - definition

“**Orthodontics** is the dental specialty concerned with facial growth, development of the dentition and occlusion, and the assessment, diagnosis, interception and treatment of malocclusions and facial irregularities.”



Guides for commissioning dental specialties –
Orthodontics, Sept, 2015



Why Orthodontics?

- Why do patients seek treatment?
 - Function
 - Aesthetics
- Why to GDPs refer?
 - Dental health concerns
 - Patient/family request
 - Patient/family pressure
 - Dentolegal worry
 - Habit



What do we do?

- Provision of advice
- Educate and inform patients, parents, other health-care professionals
- Monitoring dental development
- Providing treatment
 - Interceptive
 - Routine
 - Multidisciplinary: simple → complex



What do we do? - Advice



What do we do? - Interceptive



What do we do? – Educate & Inform



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What do we do? – Routine Tx



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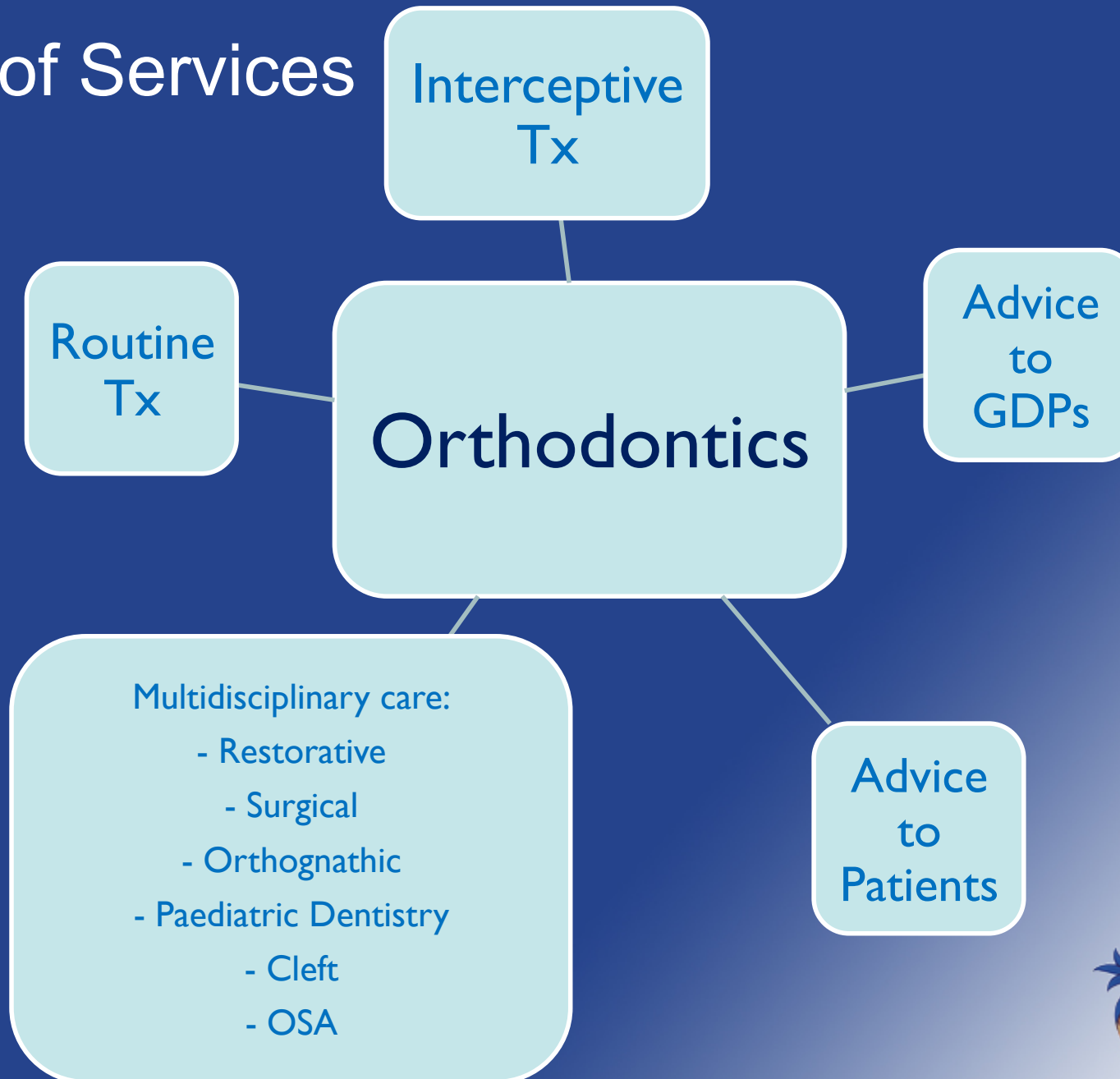


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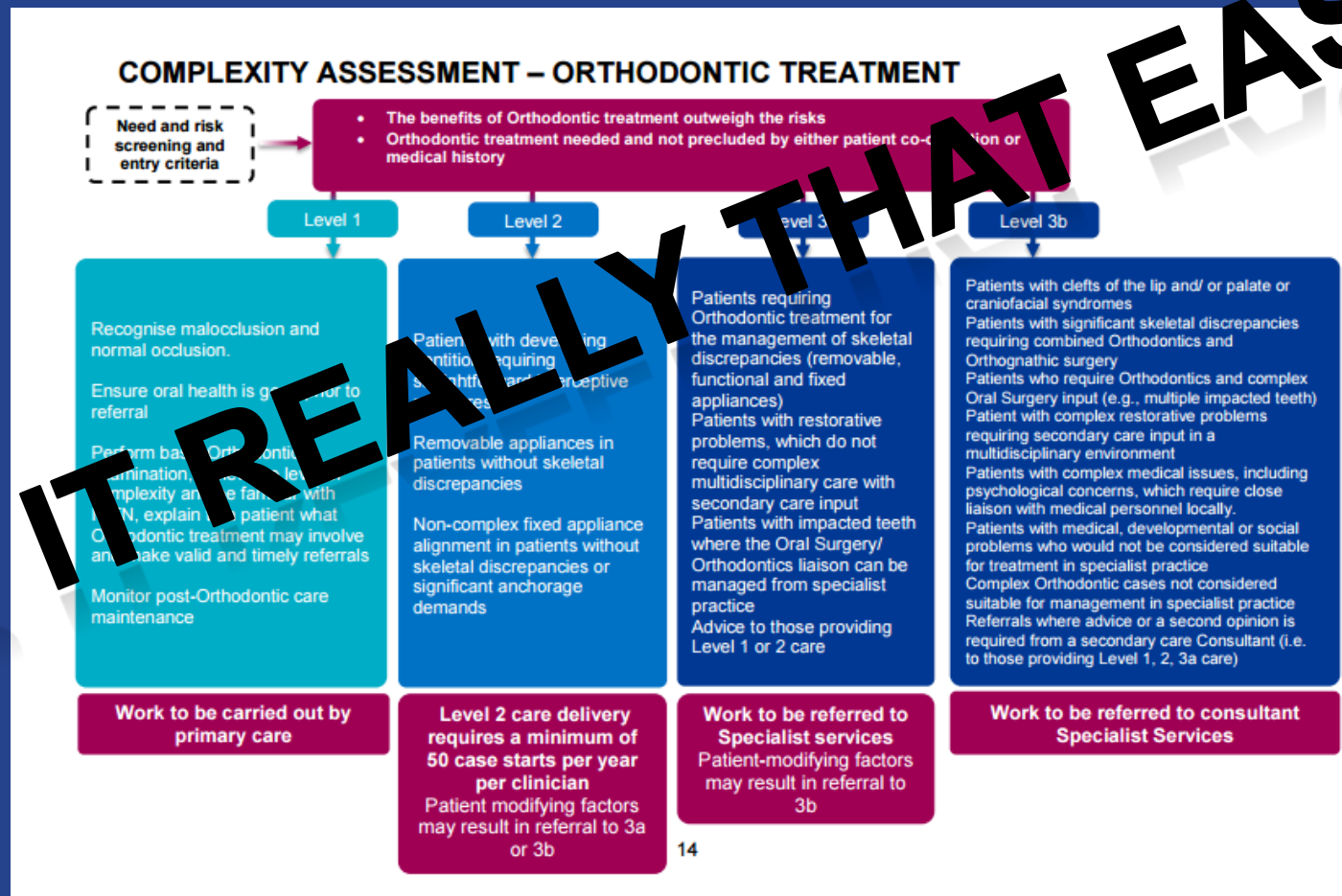


Range of Services



Who does what and where?

- Complexity Descriptors
 - Level 1, Level 2, Level 3a and Level 3b



IS IT REALLY THAT EASY?



How is the service provided currently?

- Primary, Secondary, Community care settings
- Range of
 - Malocclusions
 - Patients
 - Demand
 - Dental health
 - Circumstances
 - Geography
 - Availability of expertise
- Current Networks in place
 - ‘MCN’s
 - Facilitate communication



Why Orthodontics?

- Dental health gain
 - OH
- Psychological gain
 - Reducing bullying
 - Increasing self-esteem
- Support
 - Patients
 - GDPs
- High quality service



EXCELLENT



GOOD



AVERAGE

We make people smile!



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