

# Dentistry

You work as a dental nurse in a small clinic with three staff. You see many children and adults each day, some who appear distressed or scared about receiving dental services. Many clients book appointments and do not attend, or attend in emergency dental situations due to pain.

## Things to consider:

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How do you provide information to people accessing your services about what to expect? Are there multiple ways for people to access the information?

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Do you know what to do if you receive a disclosure of sexual violence, including child sexual abuse?

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Do you have knowledge about trauma related to sexual violence, including child sexual abuse?

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How do you explain who is present in the room, and what is happening that they cannot see whilst in the dental chair?

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Do you talk about consent, and offer people multiple opportunities and ways throughout treatment to pause or postpone, such as raising their hand?

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Do you offer music, television, or invite patients to bring their own sensory items as standard practice?

Safer spaces must include consent and choice

Everyone can contribute towards safety



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