

Oral Health Support

Criteria and Patient Information

Are you unable to seek treatment for dental problems due to the cost? You may qualify to receive free treatment at Birch Lane Dental in Gore, through the Clutha Health First Comprehensive Primary and Community Care Teams (CPCT) Programme.

How it works:

Birch Lane Dental in Gore will help members of our community receive free dental care they may not otherwise be able to afford. Treatment is provided on a referral basis within set eligibility criteria. Recipients of free dental care must be able to demonstrate that they:

- Are **NOT** eligible for the \$1,000 Work and Income (WINZ) grant for dental treatment. This grant is available to people on a low income or benefit, to help pay for immediate and essential dental treatment. More information on who can apply for the WINZ grant can be found at www.workandincome.govt.nz.
- Are working, but find themselves in a situation where dental care is not affordable.
- Have minimal savings or disposable income.
- Have an **immediate** need for **essential** dental treatment that is affecting day to day quality of life.
- Reside in the Clutha District, are a New Zealand citizen, a permanent resident, or on a two-year working visa.
- Are over 18 years old (free dental care is available to under 18-year-olds. Call 0800 TALK TEETH (0800 825 583) for more information).

Treatment Included:

- Initial triage, x-ray, and treatment plan.
- Extractions, fillings, and root canal treatments (if required).
- Treatment for infections.

What treatments are not included:

- Regular dental check-ups.
- Cosmetic treatments.
- Clean, scale and polish (unless required for gum infection).
- Dentures.

General Comments:

- Free treatment will be provided for the current, specific issue.
- Patients receiving treatment at Birch Lane Dental under this initiative will not automatically be enrolled at Birch Lane Dental (unless already enrolled).
- You will be responsible for getting yourself to and from your appointment(s) at your own cost.

Process:

- Complete the application form and email to dental@chf.co.nz or drop the form into Clutha Health First Main Reception, Attn: Karen Goffe.
- Your form will be reviewed, and contact made to discuss the next steps.