



TREATMENT PATHWAYS

At Cranfield Dental Care, we believe great dental care is about more than individual appointments. It is about creating a clear, personalised pathway from your first consultation through to treatment, review and long-term maintenance.

Every patient is different, so your journey will be tailored around your dental needs, goals and priorities.

Examination Pathway

New patient / routine visit → TCO assessment questionnaire (new patients) → detailed assessment → diagnosis → discuss findings → treatment options → prioritise needs → personalised plan → ongoing prevention

Your examination is the starting point for understanding your overall oral health. We assess your teeth, gums, bite and any areas of concern before discussing what you may need now and what can be planned for the future.

Implant Pathway

Missing tooth / failing tooth → detailed assessment → X-rays & CBCT → treatment suitability → TCO consultation → treatment options → finance → booking → implant placement → healing → restorative phase → final crown → maintenance

Dental implant treatment is carefully planned around your individual circumstances. Where appropriate, we use detailed imaging and digital planning to assess the bone, surrounding teeth and overall suitability before discussing your options.

Your journey may include several stages, with healing time built into the pathway to achieve a strong, functional and natural-looking result.

Cosmetic Pathway

Smile concerns → consultation → photography → assessment → understand your goals → treatment options → digital planning / mock-up where appropriate → finance → booking → treatment → review → maintenance

Cosmetic dentistry should be about creating a smile that feels right for you. We begin by understanding what you would like to change before discussing suitable options.

Depending on your treatment, your pathway may include photography, digital planning or a mock-up to help you visualise the proposed result before treatment begins.

Restorative Pathway

Diagnosis → identify priorities → urgent / essential treatment → stabilisation → treatment planning → definitive treatment → review → maintenance

When several areas require attention, we help you understand what should be addressed first.

Our aim is to stabilise your oral health before progressing to definitive treatment. This creates a structured plan rather than trying to treat everything at once.

Filling Pathway

Dental concern → examination → diagnosis → understand the cause → treatment options → prioritise treatment → filling → review → prevention

A filling is often just one part of restoring a tooth. We also look at why the tooth has been damaged, whether through decay, wear, fracture or another cause, so we can help reduce the risk of further problems.

Crown Pathway

Damaged / weakened tooth → assessment → diagnosis → understand the cause → treatment options → tooth preparation → digital scan / impressions → temporary protection → crown fitting → review → maintenance

A crown can restore a tooth that has been significantly weakened or damaged.

We first assess whether a crown is the most appropriate option, then carefully plan the restoration around the strength, function and appearance of your tooth.

Veneer Pathway

Smile concern → assessment → photography → understand your goals → treatment options → smile design → digital planning / mock-up where appropriate → preparation → veneer fitting → review → maintenance

Veneers are carefully planned to complement your natural smile.

Your pathway begins with understanding what you would like to improve, followed by detailed planning of shape, colour and proportions before treatment is carried out.

Root Canal Therapy Pathway

Toothache / symptoms → assessment → X-rays → diagnosis → understand the cause → treatment options → root canal treatment → restoration → review → maintenance

When the nerve inside a tooth becomes inflamed or infected, root canal treatment may allow the tooth to be retained rather than removed.

We first establish the cause of your symptoms and assess the tooth before discussing whether root canal treatment is appropriate.

Extraction Pathway

Dental concern → assessment → diagnosis → understand the cause → treatment options → decision to remove → extraction → aftercare → healing → replacement options where appropriate → maintenance

Removing a tooth is considered when it cannot be predictably restored or when extraction is the most appropriate option for your oral health.

Where relevant, we can also discuss how the missing tooth could be replaced once the area has healed.

Hygiene & Gum Care Pathway

Gum concerns / routine prevention → assessment → hygiene appointment → identify causes → personalised home-care advice → intensive gum care where required → reassessment → maintenance

Healthy gums are fundamental to long-term oral health.

For patients with gum disease or a higher risk of periodontal problems, we can develop a structured programme that combines professional treatment with personalised home care.

Intensive Gum Care – Periodontics Pathway

Gum assessment → periodontal measurements → diagnosis → understand the cause → personalised periodontal programme → professional gum treatment → home-care programme → reassessment → ongoing periodontal maintenance

Periodontal treatment is a journey rather than a single appointment.

We monitor your gum health over time, helping to control inflammation, improve gum stability and reduce the risk of further damage.

Regular maintenance is an important part of keeping your gums healthy in the long term.

Denture Pathway

Missing teeth → assessment → understand your needs → treatment options → personalised denture plan → impressions / digital scans → design → try-in → final fitting → adjustment → maintenance

Whether you need a full or partial denture, we plan your treatment around comfort, function and appearance.

Your denture may require adjustments as you become accustomed to wearing it, and we will support you throughout the process.

Clear Aligner Pathway

Teeth / bite concerns → assessment → digital scan → understand your goals → suitability assessment → treatment options → digital treatment plan → aligner fitting → regular progress reviews → refinements where required → final result → retainers → maintenance

Clear aligner treatment begins with understanding your teeth, bite and goals.

Digital scanning and treatment planning allow us to map out the proposed movement of your teeth before you begin. Throughout treatment, your progress is monitored to ensure your teeth are moving as planned.

Retention is an essential final stage to help maintain your new smile.

Composite Bonding Pathway

Smile concern → assessment → photography → understand your goals → suitability assessment → treatment options → shade selection → composite bonding → shaping & polishing → review → maintenance

Composite bonding can be used to improve the shape, appearance or proportions of individual teeth.

We assess your smile first and discuss what can realistically be achieved before selecting the appropriate shade and carefully shaping the composite to complement your natural teeth.

Anti-Wrinkle & Dermal Filler Pathway

Aesthetic concerns → consultation → medical / treatment assessment → understand your goals → treatment options → personalised treatment plan → consent → treatment → aftercare → review

Aesthetic treatment should be individual to you.

We begin with a detailed consultation to understand your concerns and expectations before discussing whether anti-wrinkle treatment, dermal fillers or another option may be appropriate.

Treatment is only carried out following appropriate assessment, consent and personalised

Your Journey, Your Care

Whatever brings you to Cranfield Dental Care, our aim is to make your treatment journey clear and straightforward.

Assessment → Understanding → Planning → Treatment → Review → Maintenance

You will always have the opportunity to understand your options, ask questions and make informed decisions about your care.

Your smile. Your choices. Your journey.

Cranfield Dental Care

Personal, professional dental care for you and your family.

Contact our Reception team 01462 434323 for general enquiries, or speak to our **Treatment Coordinator (TCO)** 07714117790 for advice and information about your treatment options.

We're here to help you understand what's available and find the right next step for you.