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Dear Dentist

Thank you for your recent referral letter. Your referral has been reviewed by the Restorative Department and has been returned for one or more of the following reasons:

- Your referral did not include a recent and clear intraoral periapical radiograph of the tooth and the periapical tissues and BW radiograph (posterior teeth only),
- The radiograph supplied suggests that this tooth is most likely to be unrestorable or has a poor prognosis and that endodontic treatment/re-treatment would not be predictable.
- Your referral had limited clinical information to enable accurate triage
 - Reason for referral
 - Present and history of patient complaint
 - Oral health status i.e good oral hygiene, BPE, caries free and stable periodontal health
 - Confirmation that the tooth is functional
 - Patient is regular attender
 - Confirmation that the tooth has reasonable periodontal support and restorable
 - Medical History and/or Medication.
- The referral does not meet the referral criteria for priority group and training capacity it is not available at LUDH at the time of the referral.
- Patient cannot tolerate rubber dam despite best efforts
- They have poor OH, active caries and/or active periodontal disease
- The form is illegible
- The proforma is incomplete. The following information are missing
- Full name / Gender / DOB / Age / Full address and full postcode /GDP details/ GMP details / Current daytime telephone number (eg home/work/mobile)
- Other reasons

A summary of our referral guidelines is attached, for more details please check our referral guidelines on the Trust website. If you have any further inquiry, please contact the Restorative Secretarial team via email admin_LUDH@rlbuht.nhs.uk

Regards,

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Capacity for Endodontic treatments is reserved for priority patients:

- Patients with moderate/severe dentoalveolar trauma who require endodontic treatment e.g. complicated crown root fracture, avulsion, intrusion, tooth with open apex, root fracture, etc.
- Patients with complex medical/dental history or on medication that affect their dental management e.g. cancer, limited mouth opening, medication induced osteonecrosis of the jaw etc.
- Patients who require endodontic treatment for tooth/teeth with development abnormalities e.g. amelogenesis imperfecta, dens in dente, etc.
- Patients who require endodontic treatment for tooth/teeth with pathological tooth\root resorption
- Patients who require periradicular surgery of failed RCT in the presence of adequate conventional obturation or reasons which may impede non-surgical treatment or retreatment.
- Patients who require multidisciplinary treatment plan and endodontic management
- Patients who are referred for advice on complex endodontic problems and/or pain diagnosis

Capacity for endodontic treatment (including retreatment) on either StR/PG and UG students training programmes depends on case complexity, term time and training needs.

Patients may be accepted for training/educational purposes for:

- Conventional root treatment or re-treatment of failed root canal treatment
- Feasible removal of fractured instruments and intra-radicular posts in teeth of reasonable prognosis
- Sclerotic root canals that are not considered negotiable from radiographic or clinical evidence through their entire length.
- Root perforations with reasonable prognosis
- Root canals with anatomical complexities e.g. severe curvatures, unusual canal configuration

Referral letters will be returned if:

- They are illegible
- Lack radiograph(s) of diagnostic value
- The form is incomplete or does not meet the referral criteria
- The tooth is deemed unrestorable
- The referral does not fall into one of the priority groups and training capacity is not available at LUDH at the time of the referral

Patients seen on a consultant referral clinic may not be offered ENDODONTIC treatment if:

- Plaque control is unsatisfactory,
- Caries and/or active periodontal disease is present
- Patient cannot tolerate dental dam
- Tooth had a doubtful prognosis