

I've been told I need a bone graft

A bone graft is nothing to be worried about. We naturally lose bone when a tooth is removed, and sometimes there isn't quite enough bone to cover all of the implant. Your implant dentist will pack a manufactured bone substitute on the implant. Sometimes this is made from animal product. It is therefore important to let your implant dentist know if you have any objections to using animal products at least a week before the procedure so that an alternative material can be sourced. The material naturally integrates with your own bone to provide a strong connection around the implant.

Helping you spread the cost

We have finance options in place that can help our patients spread the cost of treatment, meaning you don't need to save up for the treatment you want*.

Example repayment options are as follows:

Total cost of treatment: £2500.00
 Deposit: £0.00
 Finance Required: £2500.00

| Procedure Cost | Term and APR* | Monthly Repayment | Total amount repayable |
|------------------|-----------------------|-------------------|------------------------|
| £2,500.00 | 6 months 0% | £416.67 | £2,500.00 |
| | 10 months 0% | £250.00 | £2,500.00 |
| | 12 months 0% | £208.33 | £2,500.00 |
| | 24 months 9.9% APR | £114.79 | £2,754.96 |
| | 36 months 9.9% APR | £80.08 | £2,882.88 |
| | 48 months 9.9% APR | £62.80 | £3,014.40 |
| | 60 months 9.9% APR | £52.50 | £3,150.00 |

Amount of credit £2,500.00.
 Total amount repayable £3,150.00.
 Repayable by 60 monthly payments of £52.50.
 Representative 9.9% APR variable.
 *Finance is subject to status. Terms and conditions apply.

Meet The Team



Dr Michael Hicks BDS(Hons) PGDip(Implant) MFDS RCSEd MDTFEd

Michael qualified as a dentist from the University of Manchester with Honours in 2012. He has a wealth of experience in oral surgery and is a known educator in the North East. He was awarded his Postgraduate Diploma in Clinical Implant Dentistry with distinction from Newcastle University.

Janine Cleave Implant Nurse

I have been in dentistry for 20 years now and with Horizon for 12 years. I have recently specialised in Implant Nursing. I look forward to seeing you throughout your whole implant journey.



Louise Ogle Treatment Co-ordinator

I have been a Dental Nurse at Horizon since 2019. I am a treatment co-ordinator at both our practices. I work closely with Michael to ensure you are happy with your treatment plan and to help you with our finance options that we have available at the practice.

Amy Baker

Treatment Co-ordinator

I have been a Dental Nurse since 2018 and I am currently a treatment co-ordinator between both practices. I will be here to ensure that your implant journey is stress free and that you are happy with the overall outcome.



Invest in your smile for the future

For any further information or to book a free consultation, call our reception team on **0191 252 1891**.

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What are dental implants?

A dental implant is a replacement tooth root, made out of titanium, which is surgically inserted into the jaw. Bone grows tightly around the implant to ensure it is secure. A variety of appliances such as crowns, bridges and dentures can be attached to the implant.

Are they successful?

Over 95% of single implant crowns have been shown to survive 10 years, which is higher than you can expect for a tooth-supported bridge alternative.

Can anyone have one?

Most people are eligible to have an implant placed. However, there are some medical conditions which may affect the success of dental implants, which our implant dentist will discuss with you during consultation.

Is the treatment painful?

We use local anaesthetic to minimise the discomfort during the initial placement. You won't feel any pain, the most people tend to feel is vibration and pressure. We would expect you to take some over-the-counter pain relief for about a week.

What are the benefits of implants?

- Avoids the need to damage a healthy tooth
- Looks and feels like a normal tooth
- Preserves existing bone and gum tissue
- Eat with peace of mind that your appliance won't fall out
- Can restore larger spaces than conventional fixed bridges
- Easy to clean



Timeline of an example patient journey

Initial consultation

30-minute no-obligation assessment

Our consultation charge is £50.00, this will be taken off your treatment total or you will be refunded if you do not go ahead with treatment.



Diagnostics and treatment planning

Radiographic and clinical investigations, production of final plan and costings. This will either be posted or emailed to you. Any questions can be answered by our treatment co-ordinators or implantologist, Michael Hicks.



Implant placement (1st stage)

The most straightforward implant placements are completed within 45 minutes under local anaesthetic. The implant will then need to heal which usually takes around 3 months but can be longer.



Abutment connection (2nd stage)

A healing cap is placed on the implant before the final prosthesis is made and once the gum has healed we can take impressions.



Restoration

The final restoration is usually placed 3-4 weeks after impressions (most of the time we can scan you without the need for gloopy impressions!) but your dentist will advise how long this will take.

Main risk factors for implant failure

- Heart disease
- Diabetes
- Some bone disorders
- Smoking
- Poor oral hygiene
- History of gum (periodontal) disease
- Poor diet
- Alcohol consumption
- Clenching/grinding
- Head and neck radiotherapy

Surgical/general risks:

You can expect some mild discomfort for about a week after the implant is placed, for which you will need to take pain relief. Swelling and bruising is quite normal, and postoperative bleeding is usually minimal. The risk of infection is very low and your implant dentist will advise whether antibiotics are required or not.

Site specific risks

Upper central incisors:

There is a small risk that implant treatment can damage a nerve behind the tooth. If this were to happen, you may experience a numbness/tingling/painful sensation at the front of your palate.

Upper back premolars/molars:

Your sinuses can be quite large in these areas. If an implant enters the sinus, it is usually of little consequence but it could lead to an infection.

Lower premolars/molars:

There is an important nerve that runs through your jaw. Your surgery will be carefully planned to avoid this nerve, however in the event of prolonged numbness/tingling/painful sensation to the lip/chin/tongue, please contact the practice straight away.

Ongoing care and maintenance

It could be said that implants, much like natural teeth, will last for as long as you care for them. However, just as with other surgical implants (such as hip replacements) there is no lifetime guarantee. There is a chance of bone loss around dental implants, just as bone can be lost around natural teeth. Regular reviews and hygiene maintenance are essential to maintain your implants, much in the same way a car would need a service or replacement parts over time. We suggest a 5 to 10 year lifespan for restorative work for dental implants.