

# Improving access to NHS dentistry in Middlesbrough

Investment in a new practice with better facilities and  
accessibility

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# There is a growing crisis in access to NHS dentistry

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**The Guardian**  
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## Millions without NHS dental care as practices close or turn private

New figures reveal 2,000 dentists quit service across England last year

to get checked up or problems fixed in the first place, some people reveal. The article is an appalling article which depicts what is going on in our country because for one thing people will not turn to a private dentist because of the cost. The article is an appalling article which depicts what is going on in our country because for one thing people will not turn to a private dentist because of the cost.

## 'Bad apples' claim fuels parliament sexism row

The government faces criticism from MPs and opposition parties over a row over sexism in parliament after a group of MPs demanded that women be removed from the House of Commons.

A day after the Conservative MP said he had resigned for watching pornography in the Commons and for making a sexist remark about women's bodies, a row over sexism in parliament has erupted.

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## Full extent of NHS dentistry shortage revealed by far-reaching BBC research

By Ruth Green, Harriet Agerholm & Libby Rogers  
BBC News

8 August

**Mail Online**

### 4million people in England left without an NHS dentist after 2,000 quit in just a year leaving health service with smallest workforce in a decade

**The Telegraph**

### The entire county where you cannot get an NHS dentist appointment

Patients reduced to tears after 2,000 dentists quit the health service, forcing people to spend thousands going private

**DAILY Mirror**

Diana & Maeca reign Supreme

Dad's Army legend dead

**EXPOSED: FAMILIES' AGONY**

## TRUE HORROR OF NHS DENTIST CRISIS

Number of appointments for patients has fallen by a THIRD

Woman used pliers to remove tooth... some put glue in cavities

**TRIPLE NECTAR POINTS**

**Daily Mail**

As their viral video is sold as 'digital art'... **British boys who bit off a £500k payday**

Some NHS patients forced to wait till 2024 for appointment

# THE DENTIST WILL SEE YOU... IN THREE YEARS

Boris and Carrie name the big day (but it's not until 2022)

**The Guardian**

## The Guardian view on the dentist shortage: a gap that needs filling

Editorial

## Struggle to get a dentist in Devon is revealed

One person needed wheelchair access but there were no NHS dentists that were wheelchair accessible and had to travel 15 miles away and had to go via public transport

## Thousands of Wigan children have not seen an NHS dentist all year

## NHS dental patients 'face 90-mile trip', union claims

## The crisis is the result of an acute workforce shortage

- **3,000 dentists have left the profession since 2020.** New data shows that since 2020-21, the number of dentists delivering some NHS care has fallen by more than 3,000 (13%), the largest fall on record.
- **75% of dental practices are now struggling to fill vacancies.** This rises to 93% among practices with the highest NHS commitments. In addition, 29% of practices with vacancies say these have been empty for at least 12 months.
- **Half of NHS dentists have reduced their NHS commitment since the pandemic.** In addition, in a survey with the BDA, 75% of dentists said they were likely to reduce their NHS commitment over the next 12 months, with 45% planning to go fully private.
- **UK dentistry is heavily reliant on overseas dentists, which is under particular pressure.** In 2019, 28.3% of dentists who registered with the GDC qualified outside the UK. In 2020 (the last year for which figures are available) the number of overseas dentists on the GDC register had fallen to 2,937, a reduction of 43% in a year. More than 15% of dentists leaving the profession in 2020-2021 were from the EEA.

## We are pressing for policy changes to improve access nationally

Simple cost-neutral solutions could have a huge impact in improving the workforce crisis and improving access to NHS dentistry across the country.

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Reform the NHS contract to make it more attractive to dentists and improve morale

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Increase the number of dental University places and Foundation Training Places available

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Better use skill mix to take advantage of dental therapists who are able to deliver c80% of Band 2 treatments

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Use existing flexible commissioning powers to increase funding for training and prevention

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Remove obstacles to recruitment of high-quality overseas dentists by:

- Passing the Section 60 Order quickly to give the GDC discretion over qualifications
- Maintaining mutual recognition of qualifications with the EU

## In the meantime, we are investing in practices to improve recruitment

- More than 80% of {my}dentist clinicians say that their **practice environment makes the biggest difference to their working life**
- By 2025, we are **investing more than £70 million into our practices** to ensure we can offer the best facilities and equipment to patients and clinicians
- And we are **modernising our network to ensure our practices are in good locations** that are more desirable for clinicians and practice teams to work – this creates a more stable environment, with a larger clinical team to offer better support
- We have **completed more than 11 of these projects** now with clear feedback that clinicians and patients prefer them, and that accessibility is improved. We have seen:
  - Improved recruitment and retention following investment
  - Longer practice opening hours
  - More patients supported.

## A recent example: Killingworth in North Tyneside

- **£1.1m invested** to relocate a practice into a large, secure shopping centre with **better accessibility** (all surgeries at ground level) and **improved transport links** and parking
- Total **surgery capacity increased by 85%** from 7 chairs to 13 chairs
- Within the first 12 months, **5 new clinicians and 6 new nurses were recruited** to the practice
- A total of **400 new clinical hours per week** have now been recruited allowing us to **extend opening hours** by 26 hours per week (including offering evening and weekend appointments).





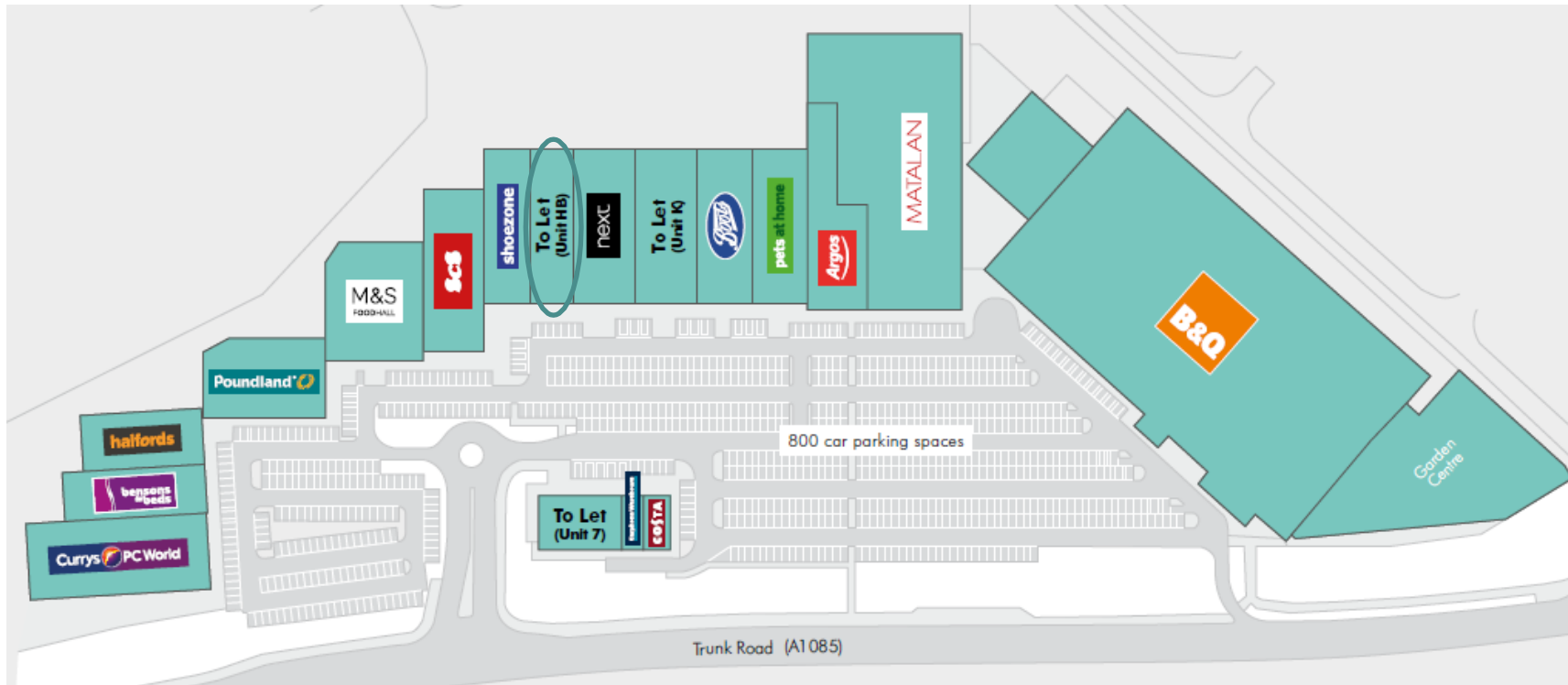




# The proposed project in Middlesbrough

- **£1.5m will be invested** to relocate three local practices into one at Cleveland Retail Park
- **£2.2m committed** in ongoing lease costs, an increase of £70k per annum
- **£40k in payable rates per annum**, an increase of £16k (circa £250k over 15-years)
- Total **surgery capacity will increase** with 12 surgeries being available immediately, with **further options to expand to 14 in the future**, subject to successful recruitment
- The practice will benefit from a **dedicated staff room, greater security, free parking** and investment in **new digital technology**
- **Opening hours will be 25% larger than at the current practices** (50 hours per week, compared to the current average of 40.25 hours)
- Opportunities will be available to **expand services in future**, subject to support from local commissioners – this could include offering **prevention, oral surgery**, as well as **alignment with the nearby University who we currently work with.**

# Proposed location of new practice



# Proposed look & feel of new site

