

## The Context

The School of Health & Life Sciences is the largest academic unit within Teesside University, and comprised over 9500 students, of which over 1000 are apprentices. Our course portfolio includes offers in all four strands of nursing, midwifery, most of the allied health professions, the life sciences, the applied sciences and sports and exercise. Within this we offer an undergraduate degree in Dental Hygiene and a postgraduate degree in Dental Therapy. This is supplemented by a Cert HE in Dental Nurse Practice.

## The Integrated Care Academy

In 2023, the University launched its Integrated Care Academy, which is an entity that wraps around the School and functions as a buffer between the academic offer to allow the community to better access the activities that occur on campus. Led by Prof Barry Tolchard, the work within the ICA focuses on community health and wellbeing, particularly working along side charities and civic partners. Within the ICA sit our clinical services.

The clinical services provide placement opportunities for our students, support staff with maintain clinical credibility and provide a service to the community. Housed in a number of spaces on campus, the service is delivered by our students under the supervision and support of trained and qualified staff.

## The Student Dental Facility

The Student Dental Facility within Teesside University has a focus on the oral health of the region and offers a wide range of dental treatments including oral hygiene and dietary advice, routine scale and polish, and extensive periodontal treatments. It provides a variety of restorative and preventive treatments for adults and children, utilising gold standard, evidence based clinical practice. The SDF opened in its current format in 2020 and is Care Quality Commission approved.

Patients must be registered with a dentist to access the SDF as treatments can only be provided under referral from an external dental practitioner; and there is no charge for patients treated by a student dental hygienist and dental therapist.

The SDF usually serves 160 patients a week at full capacity (with a maximum of 360) and is open for most of the year.