

Frequently asked questions (FAQ's)

Can all my teeth be replaced with crowns and bridges?

In some cases they can be used to replace all or some missing or badly broken down teeth.

What if my crown or bridge becomes loose?

After treatment finishes at the hospital you will be discharged back to the care of your own dentist. If they think you need to be reviewed again by the hospital a new referral can be made.

How do I look after my crowns or bridges?

An appointment will be made with the dental hygienist to go through cleaning and maintenance. Life long care will however be needed to maintain the health of your mouth.

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Patient Information Leaflet

Crowns and Bridges



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Introduction

This leaflet provides you with information about crowns and bridges and is a general guide. If you have any further questions after reading the leaflet, please let us know.

What is a Crown or Bridge?

A crown or bridge is a fixed prosthesis that can be used to fill a gap in your mouth to restore the natural shape or appearance of a missing or broken down tooth.

Crown. This is an artificial restoration that fits over the remaining part of a prepared tooth, giving it the shape and appearance of a normal looking tooth.



Bridge. This can be used to replace a gap from missing teeth. The adjacent teeth from one side or both sides of the gap can be used to support the bridge.



What to expect at the appointment

- Dependent on the need and severity of your treatment it can be provided on the NHS by a specialist restorative consultant .
- There will be a detailed discussion about which type of replacement is needed.
- An appointment is then made for preparation of the tooth/teeth.
- Your appointment can take 1 to 2 hours and is done in the dental chair using a local anesthetic.
- The tooth or teeth will be filed and prepared so that impressions can be taken.
- A prosthetic laboratory then uses the impressions to make the crown or bridge.
- A further appointment is made 2 to 3 weeks later to fit the crown or bridge. This can take up to 1 hour.
- Further appointments will be needed with the dental hygiene therapist for the long term care and maintenance of your teeth.