

Welcome to your guide about Dental Implant treatment at [Claregate Dental Practice](#), in Wolverhampton.

My name is [Bhup](#) and I am the Practice Principal and implant dentist at the practice. I also provide Invisalign support too.

In this guide we will cover the most common questions asked about Dental Implants. Some more information can be found on our website, and you are always welcome to contact us for a **free** consultation with our [Patient Care Co-ordinators](#).



1. How much will implants cost?

- This depends on how complex your case is.
- We use the long established and market leader in dental implants: [Straumann Ltd](#), to ensure we are providing the best for our patients.
- Prices start from £2,500 for simple cases.
- Additional fees will apply for treatments that need more for complex procedures e.g. bone grafting, sinus lifts, 3D x-ray scans, digital planning etc.

2. What does the quoted cost include / what are extra fees?

- Before [dental implant](#) treatment can be done, each case is assessed and explained to you carefully.
- Then we can determine the quote for you.
- We don't have hidden surprises too.
- You'll be looked after during the whole [journey](#) and afterwards too.
- The quote will breakdown the fees for the implant(s), the crown/bridge/denture, 3D x-rays/scans, any preparatory work (e.g. lab made guided stents, bone graft, soft tissue graft, sinus lift etc).
- All work is guaranteed for 12 months.
- We advise your mouth should be checked and any implants placed to be reviewed at least annually.



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3. How long will treatment take / how many appointments?

- This depends on how complex your case is.
- Usually, treatment time can be 3 to 9 months.
- The treatment is done over several appointments and stages.
- This gives time for healing and often help spread the cost of the treatment too.
- You may need a temporary denture or bridge during the 2-3 months of healing time needed.
- We also offer [oral sedation](#) to help reduce any anxiety during the treatment. Please ask for details.

4. Am I a suitable candidate for dental implants? What determines suitability?

- We will assess your general and oral health, including your gums and jawbone carefully before deciding your suitability for dental implants.
- This may involve a 3D x-ray (called a CBCT scan) and a digital scan of your mouth.
- Everyone's anatomy is different and some patients may need extra bone (called a bone graft) or a sinus lift etc.
- Implants can be used for single gaps or larger spaces too.



5. What are the risks / downsides / failure rates?

- Dental implants have been used successfully for a long time, and we use a world-renowned brand of implants (Straumann).
- Hence, they have a very low failure rate. But sometimes, on rare occasions, the bone does not integrate with the implant. Often, these cases need longer healing times to succeed.



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- After the surgery, some discomfort such as pain and swelling will occur, but these are managed effectively with painkillers.
- Risk of infection is often reduced with antiseptic mouthwashes and antibiotics.
- You may need a few days off work to recover from the surgery stage.
- Implants can last for many, many years if they are looked after and maintained. We advise annual checks of your implant and your mouth.
- With general wear, sometimes the screw holding the crown onto the implant may require tightening, or replacement.

6. How natural will it look / feel?

- The implant is placed in your bone; hence it is not visible.
- The crown or denture that is placed onto the implant is created by a skilled dental technician.
- Will modern ceramics and acrylic materials, we can make your implant teeth match existing tooth colour, shape, appearance.

7. Is there any aftercare / maintenance?

- Implants and their crowns should be cleaned in the same way as your natural teeth, e.g. toothbrushing for 2 mins every day and using interdental cleaning aids such as floss or Tepe brushes etc.
- On rare occasions, things can go wrong e.g. loose crown, discomfort etc. If this occurs, please contact us for help.
- Crowns, on average, last 15 to 20 years. But these can usually be replaced easily without having to replace the implant.
- Regular check-ups and [dental hygiene](#) visits are also recommended.



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8. What payment / financing options are offered?

- We are pleased to offer finance, through [Practi](#), between 1 to 4 years to help spread the cost of the treatment.
- The cost of the treatment can be split over the different stages of the treatment.

9. Where to go / who to choose for your dental implant treatment?

- When researching who should do your implant treatment, consider their experience and patient care provided (especially after the treatment is done or what happens if complications occur).
- There are many dental systems out there. Unfortunately, they are not all the same nor do they share the same components.
- Ideally you should find out what implant system the dentist is using and pick a brand that has been around for a long time, e.g. [Straumann](#).
- You'll (and your dentist) be in better position to get parts for your implant if needed in the future for maintenance procedures.
- You'll see some of our real cases done in this guide too.

Below are some example cases done by Bhup for his patients at Claregate Dental:



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(This case was combined with Invisalign treatment too.)

If you would like to find out more or [book an appointment](#), you can contact us via our [website](#) or use the contact details below.



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