

# POND SQUARE DENTAL

INFORMATIONAL LEAFLETS

## WHAT IS IOTN?

**Index of Orthodontic Treatment Need (IOTN)** is a clinical tool used by orthodontists to determine whether a patient requires treatment for dental irregularities and how severe their condition is. Following your child's IOTN assessment, our Orthodontist will advise you if your child will be eligible for orthodontic care on the NHS.

### What happens during an IOTN assessment:

1. **Initial Examination:** The orthodontist or dentist examines the patient's teeth and bite, checking for issues like crowding, spacing, or misalignment.
2. **Dental Health Component (DHC) Evaluation:** The severity of dental health problems is assessed using a 5-grade system. The orthodontist measures features like overbite, underbite, crossbite, and the alignment of teeth
3. **Aesthetic Component (AC) Evaluation:** The patient's dental appearance is compared to standard photographs from the IOTN aesthetic scale, and a score on a 10-point scale is assigned based on how the teeth look.
4. **Final Score:** A combination of the DHC and AC scores is used to determine whether treatment is needed and, in some cases, whether the patient qualifies for orthodontic care under the NHS.

### What happens next:

Based on the final IOTN score, our Orthodontist will discuss treatment options with you and answer any questions you may have.

**Please get in touch if you would like to book your child in for a free IOTN assessment at Pond Square Dental.**

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