



DENTAL BRIDGES

WHAT ARE DENTAL BRIDGES?

A bridge fixes a replacement tooth (or teeth) to one or more natural teeth or an implant. Some bridges have crowns at each end; others are fixed to the surface of the teeth next to the gap. Sometimes a bridge is only set to the tooth on one side of the gap.

WHAT ARE THE BENEFITS?

- A bridge lets you almost forget that you have missing teeth.
- It can improve the way you look, bite, chew and speak.
- The teeth can be matched to the colour of your teeth.
- A bridge can last many years if you keep it clean and there is no accidental damage.
- Natural teeth are protected from wear and tear and from moving or tilting out of line, which could cause your teeth to bite together incorrectly.

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OTHER OPTIONS

It may be possible to restore small spaces with an implant. Implants are not widely available within the NHS, apart from in certain situations.

Small dentures may restore long or multiple spaces with acrylic or metal. These are removable and easier to keep clean; it's also easier to clean the adjacent natural teeth. Another option for a small space could be a 'minimum preparation bridge', where the false tooth is held in place with a wing that is bonded onto adjacent teeth.

We recommend having any additional treatments you want, such as teeth straightening or whitening, carried out before having a bridge or any other cosmetic dental treatment.

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