

# Welcome to Alpha House

Welcome to Alpha House where I am pleased to offer a clinic dedicated to providing high quality implant dentistry using up to date techniques in comfortable, contemporary surroundings. My sole aim is to provide the highest possible standard of dental care and service for my patients using evidence-based procedures that offer predictable and reliable results. I look forward to meeting you.

A dental implant is the closest thing to nature we have for replacing a missing tooth and it works very well, helping you to achieve a natural-looking smile, improve your comfort and give you a new sense of confidence.

Dental implants are now a routine treatment offered by many dentists around the world and are widely viewed as the modern, natural and long-lasting solution to the problem of missing teeth. If you have one or more missing teeth, broken or decayed teeth that might be beyond repair or you are uncomfortable with your dentures, partial denture or bridge, implants can be an excellent solution.

If you require implant treatment or advice, your dentist will make a referral. You may also contact us directly to arrange a consultation.

## REFERRALS

Referrals may be made by scanning the QR code or by downloading a 'referral form' from the website at: [alphahousedentalpractice.co.uk](http://alphahousedentalpractice.co.uk)



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## About Diarmuid



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I qualified with a Bachelor of Dental Surgery (BDS) in 1989 from Kings College London and in 2012 gained my Master's with distinction in Implant Dentistry from Warwick University. I have over 33 years' combined dental experience in both the

hospital and general setting and 10 years specifically in implant dentistry at a dedicated implant centre in Tonbridge, Kent.

I am actively involved in dental education and continue to maintain an academic link as a clinical teaching fellow at Warwick Medical School. In addition to supervising and teaching students I attend a range of courses and conferences and am a member of the Association of Dental Implantology (ADI). My special interests are in biotechnology, healing acceleration and the practical application of new technology to increase the range of options and improve the experience of my patients.

I am truly passionate about the potential of implants to enhance the dental quality of life of my patients in a predictable, ethical, safe, and beautiful way. There is no greater feeling than giving someone their smile back!

I have a lot of varied interests outside of work. I am a fourth Dan Aikido instructor and have previously spent a fair amount of time competing and training all over the world including periods in Japan. I love the countryside, walking, hiking and climbing mountains. I enjoy music and books and spending time with my three girls.

*your teeth in safe hands*

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## INFORMATION FOR PATIENTS



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## Frequently Asked Questions

### What are implants?

They are small titanium screws that are placed in pre-drilled openings in the jaw bone to replace the root portion of a missing tooth. They are intended to fuse together with the jaw bone and provide a stable base for tooth restorations to be attached, including dental crowns, dentures and dental bridges, giving you the look and functionality of a real tooth.

They are made from titanium to prevent irritation and allergies.

### Advantages of implants

Implants are an effective solution for people who have missing teeth as it can restore a single tooth, a number of teeth or an entire arch of teeth. Implants are long lasting and provide excellent levels of smile aesthetics and functionality. They allow you to speak clearly and eat what you like, providing a natural, healthy and attractive smile. Implants also work to lessen bone loss and, when used with dentures, increase bite power and ensure denture stability.

### Am I a suitable candidate?

Most people who have missing teeth are suitable candidates for dental implants. In some instances, if there is a lack of dense bone tissue to sustain the implant, we may need to carry out a bone grafting procedure. Dental implants may not be suitable for people who smoke as this slows the body's natural healing process and increases the risk of implant failure. During a consultation we will discuss all your needs and concerns about implants and your suitability.

### How many appointments are necessary?

First you will have a consultation appointment when the reason for the implant and your goals will be discussed, along with the different options available to reach your goal. The treatment option you decide on will dictate the number of appointments necessary, but assume at least two to three further appointments with

### At Alpha House it is important to us that patients:

- 🦷 Feel totally comfortable with our service before, during and after treatment
- 🦷 Fully understand the procedure and stages of the treatment (this will be discussed at the consultation appointment)
- 🦷 Feel able to contact us at any time with queries or advice
- 🦷 Be assured that by choosing us to provide your implant treatment that registration with your dentist will not be affected

### You can be assured that we will:

- 🦷 Provide clear, written treatment plans including costs
- 🦷 Follow agreed professional standards for the provision of your dental treatment
- 🦷 Follow professionally agreed protocols for the prevention of cross infection
- 🦷 Provide a friendly, welcoming environment
- 🦷 Aim to run to your appointed time

### As a patient receiving treatment, we ask that you:

- 🦷 Commit to attending the dental appointments you have made
- 🦷 Pay for each visit as required in your treatment plan
- 🦷 Understand that sometimes procedures take longer than planned and therefore we may occasionally run late
- 🦷 Follow the advice we give you around dental hygiene and care of your implants
- 🦷 Recommend us to your friends, family and colleagues. We believe the practice grows best through referrals from patients who are happy with the care they have received from us.



gaps of several weeks in between the first and second surgical appointment followed by a final follow-up appointment. Full details will be laid out in your treatment plan.

### How long will the implant last?

Dental implants are designed to be a permanent, long-lasting solution to tooth loss. However, their lifespan depends entirely on how well you look after your teeth and your oral hygiene.

Although this procedure takes a long time from start to finish, dental implants have a very high success rate and can save the integrity of your mouth for lifelong health

### How long is the recovery time?

Recovery time is dependent on how many implants you have fitted and the level of your overall health, but most patients will recover 10-days post procedure. It is imperative that you follow the advice given to you, remain smoke-free and maintain good dental hygiene in accordance with your recovery plan.

### Does implant treatment hurt?

Many people worry about dental pain and just visiting the dentist generally can feel like a stressful experience. Many people are unsure about having implants because they are worried about it being a painful experience. However, dental implant procedures are usually pain free although the procedure may be a little uncomfortable for some. The benefit of the implants does mean however that they could prevent further issues and discomfort later on.

### Do you want to know more?

If you have questions before or after your treatment, your dentist will be happy to talk to you.

