

# FOR YOUR INFORMATION



**KENT**  
ORTHODONTICS

**YOU MAY BE ALREADY AWARE, BUT SINCE 1ST APRIL 2021, VERY UNFORTUNATELY, THE NHS NO LONGER FUNDS ORTHODONTIC TREATMENT AT OUR PRACTICE.**

**THIS IS BECAUSE IN 2019 THE NHS REVISED THE PROVISION OF ORTHODONTIC TREATMENT IN THE SOUTH EAST AND SUBSEQUENTLY NATIONWIDE. NEW PRACTICES WERE ESTABLISHED IN AREAS (E.G. RAINHAM AND SITTINGBOURNE) WHERE THERE WAS LITTLE OR NO PROVISION AND AS A RESULT, CONTRACTS WERE CUT IN OTHER AREAS.**

**IN MAIDSTONE, WHERE THERE HAD PREVIOUSLY BEEN TWO NHS PRACTICES, GROVE GREEN (OWNED BY BUPA) AND OURSELVES, THERE WAS ONLY ONE NHS CONTRACT BEING OFFERED. THE TENDERING PROCESS FOR THIS CONTRACT WAS AN EXTREMELY STRESSFUL, ONEROUS AND EXPENSIVE ONE AND THE AWARDED OF THE CONTRACT WAS BASED PURELY ON MANY LENGTHY TENDER DOCUMENTS IN ESSAY FORMAT, WITH NO ONSITE EVALUATION OF THE PRACTICE ITSELF.**

**AT THE END OF THE DAY, THE CONTRACT WAS AWARDED TO BUPA AND THEREFORE THE ONLY PRACTICE WHERE NHS FUNDED ORTHODONTIC TREATMENT IS AVAILABLE TO THE PUBLIC IN MAIDSTONE IS THEIR GROVE GREEN PRACTICE.**

**WE WERE OBVIOUSLY EXTREMELY DISAPPOINTED WITH THIS DECISION, GIVEN THAT WE WERE THE LARGEST AND MOST EXPERIENCED ORTHODONTIC PRACTICE IN THE AREA, WITH A HISTORY OF SUCCESSFULLY TREATING APPROXIMATELY 800 PATIENTS PER ANNUM FROM OUR VERY CONVENIENT LOCATION AND WITH LITTLE OR NO WAITING LIST.**

**AS SUCH, NOT WISHING TO CLOSE OUR LONG ESTABLISHED PRACTICE, KENT ORTHODONTICS IS CONTINUING TO PROVIDE HIGH QUALITY ORTHODONTICS, WITH THE MOST MODERN TECHNIQUES AND EQUIPMENT, ON A PRIVATE BASIS ONLY. WE WOULD BE MORE THAN HAPPY TO DISCUSS YOUR ORTHODONTIC TREATMENT REQUIREMENTS AT A CONVENIENT TIME IN THE NEAR FUTURE, SHOULD YOU SO WISH.**

**THE KENT ORTHODONTICS TEAM**