

## Isle of Man Clinical Recommendation Committee – Low Priorities Policies

### Orthodontic thresholds

<b>Date Policy adopted:</b>	2008	<b>Date of next Review:</b>	2010
<p><b>Policy: The Clinical Recommendations Committee (CRC) has considered evidence of clinical effectiveness, cost and benefits for orthodontics and recommend its use to be a LOW PRIORITY except for patients who meet the criteria below.</b></p> <p>Orthodontics should be made available to those with greatest needs and in exceptional circumstances where it is needed to achieve improvement in the patient's health status. This includes patients for whom orthognathic surgery was planned in childhood but will receive the treatment in adulthood.</p> <p>Patients under 18 years of age at the time of case assessment will be eligible for treatment if they have treatment needs assessed as Grades 4 or 5 of the Dental Health Component of the Index of Orthodontic Treatment Need (IOTN) or Grade 3 DHC with an Aesthetic Component of 6-10.</p> <p><b>Approval should be sought</b> from the CRC for orthodontic treatment in exceptional circumstances to achieve significant improvement in the patient's health status where:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Patients under 18 years of age at the time of case assessment are assessed as below 3 of the IOTN Dental Health Component and have significant need for treatment.</li><li>• Patients above 18 years of age <u>at the time of the case assessment</u> have a significant clinical need for treatment.</li></ul> <p>It is up to the requesting clinician to demonstrate why the patient should be considered as an exception. <b>Orthodontic treatment is not available for aesthetic reasons alone.</b></p> <p>Note: This policy will be reviewed in light of new evidence or guidance from NICE</p>			

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