

EXAMPLES OF TEMPLATE WORDING

From Dave Martin's presentation

- Pt gave additional verbal consent to treatment today by a dental therapist, patient informed of a dental therapist's scope of practice and their limitations (included in written consent form)
- Pt has capacity today
- Pt agrees to periodontal care pathway/ scale/restoration/extraction today
- Material used chosen by patient after discussion of benefits and disadvantages i.e. wear, fracture, shrinkage (shared decision)
- Incomplete caries removal to avoid pulp exposure and preserve tooth vitality (Cochrane moderate evidence) - tooth currently asymptomatic, advised we will monitor this tooth but if should symptoms develop advised patient to see GDP

CONSENT REQUIREMENTS

- Patient need to make a balanced decision on using all information provided
- Consent must be given voluntarily without coercion, respecting patients autonomy
- Full understanding of what and why consent is required
- Capacity is required

STEPS OF TREATMENT PLANNING FOR DIRECT ACCESS PATIENTS

From Leigh Ann Randell's presentation

- Relief of pain – (correct triage from reception – see other document)
- Prevention
 - OH/Diet/Smoking/alcohol advice
- Stabilisation
 - Dressings
- Treatment
 - Restorations
 - Periodontal (scale and polish)
 - Stain removal
- Recommendations

TRUST NO ONE AND ASSUME NOTHING

Words of wisdom from Vicky Kewley's presentation

- Be methodical and thorough each time you examine a patient, even if it's one you have seen several times before
- Don't assume another clinician is better than you at picking up lesions. Look for yourself every time.
- People with many risk factors get significant pathologies more frequently
- If in doubt, **ask** or **refer**. 'Should a, would a, could a' are the last words of a fool, I say!