



## **Cross Infection Control**

The whole dental team at Brookview Dental Care are all very aware of the need for cross infection control and sterilisation.

Guidelines are strictly followed with regard to the sterilisation of instruments and we use disposable items wherever possible.

All staff are annually trained in the correct procedures to eliminate any potential risks. These procedures are under constant review and assessment.

The following protocols are followed:

- Clinical team members wear work uniforms that are changed daily, depending on the wear.
- Clinical team members wear specific shoes for work only.
- New disposable gloves are worn for each patient.
- New disposable face masks and visors are worn during all operative procedures.
- A hand hygiene policy is in place, and adhered to by all team members.
- All surfaces in the dental surgery are wiped down with disinfectant wipes after each patient.
- Plastic covers are attached to key areas to be touched.
- All instruments are cleaned, and then sterilised in a vacuum autoclave (Melag Vacuklav 31B). This has been shown to kill all bacteria, viruses and spores.
- The hand-pieces (drills) are autoclaved after every use.
- The autoclave is serviced and checked regularly.

Regular Infection Control Audits take place every 6 months, and all cross infection control measures are reviewed regularly to ensure that the current standards are achieved.

If you would like to talk to someone about Cross Infection Control in the practice please speak to either Niki Kitsiou or Joanne Bateman.