



ASSOCIATE DENTISTS/HYGIENISTS

In the UK, the majority of dentists, and some hygienists, in general Practice, work as self-employed clinicians. An Associate clinician is someone who works at a dental Practice, as a dentist or hygienist, but does not own the Practice and is not employed by the owner of the dental Practice.

At The High Street Dental Practice (HSDP), like most UK dental Practices, the Associate clinicians are not employed and are independent contractors.

The HSDP facilitates a self-employed Associate clinician to supply a patient with dental services. The fees payable by the patient are collected by HSDP on behalf of the Associate clinician. The patient being treated by the Associate clinician has a direct contractual relationship with that dentist or hygienist, not with the HSDP or any other dentist/hygienist working at the HSDP.

In contrast, the patient being treated by an employed clinician of the HSDP has a contractual relationship with the HSDP and not directly with that clinician.

The relationship between Associate clinicians and Practice owners, centres on the Associate clinician making regular (usually monthly) payments to the Practice owner in return for the use of the Practice premises, equipment, materials, and staff.

