

I practice as a specialist orthodontist.

I have not participated in the CDDS.

My reason for this, is that of all the patients who have been referred to me, none of them have had any link between their crocked teeth and their health (physical or mental).

In fact, in some referrals there was no chronic disease in the patient's medical history at all.

So, I ask that your committee consider my point, that these referrals from Medical Practitioners, should not have happened in the first place.

Has there been any auditing of the Medical referrals?

In the guidelines for dental practitioners participating in the CDDS, there is no reference to input from the dentist's perspective as to whether the oral health has any bearing on the patient's specific health problem.

In the absence of any medical conditions in the patients referred to me, I simply refused treatment to them.