

## Patient Implant News

“I felt like I turned into a monster at night when I took my teeth out. Your teeth play a big part in your life, knowing I don't need to worry about them anymore is amazing.”

Charlotte, Crawley

Watch Charlotte's testimonial video at [theimplantcentre.com/charlotte](http://theimplantcentre.com/charlotte)



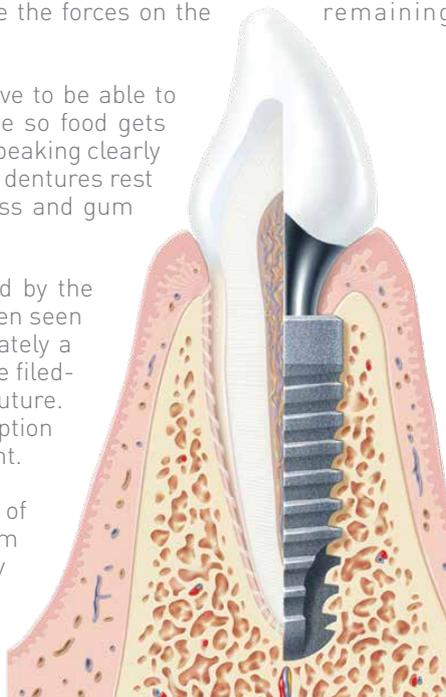
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## The choice is clear

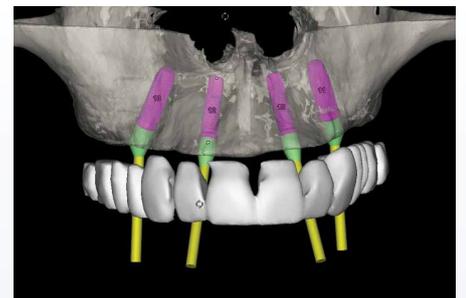
Implants are viewed as the only long term solution for filling a gap, or replacing a failing crown or bridge. They can last a lifetime if well maintained and the surgery is carried out with the skill and care of the dental surgeons at The Implant Centre. However it is still important to know what the alternatives are and what are the drawbacks.

- You can do nothing and have a gap. This isn't really an option at the front of your mouth but it might be considered further back to avoid the damaging effects of a bridge on the adjacent teeth. We certainly feel this should be considered as a safer option than bridges in many cases. Of course a lack of chewing teeth at the back of the mouth will increase the forces on the remaining teeth, so shortening their lifespan.
- You can wear dentures, but as you have to be able to remove them, they are generally loose so food gets stuck underneath. They can stop you speaking clearly or smiling confidently. Additionally, as dentures rest on the gums, they can cause bone loss and gum recession.
- You can have a fixed bridge supported by the adjacent teeth – this rapid option is often seen as a long term solution, but unfortunately a bridge requires the adjacent teeth to be filed-down, often causing problems in the future. What looks like an initial cost saving option can soon become a very bad investment.

Remember, implants can be used in a range of situations within the mouth. This can be from replacing a single tooth, to replacing many teeth and even securing loose dentures. They will provide excellent appearance, stability, security and comfort as they literally become a part of you.



### 3D Imaging for accuracy see page 3



### Can you spot the implant?



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# Why choose The Implant Centre?

Dental implants can seem expensive, however the great majority of our patients say that it has been money very well spent. Here we explore what is involved and answer some of the questions you might ask if you are looking around to find real value for money.



## How many implants do you place?

We are currently averaging 1,900 implants per year and the number is increasing all the time. In fact, we've been told we are the busiest clinic in the country.



## How well trained are you?

Our team is exceptionally well trained, we only do implants and have even separated into two teams; surgical and restorative. They are nominated mentors which means they teach and train other dentists and surgeons to carry out implants both in the UK and internationally. See our website for full details on all the team members and video biographies.



## Do they ever fail?

A perfectly fair question and the reader will be impressed at our courage in asking it. We would phrase the reply as 'Extremely rarely. Our audited success rate exceeds 98%'.



## How much does it cost if an implant fails?

Nothing! On the very rare occasions when this has happened, we have always offered a full refund of the patient's money. However most accept that implant rejections can happen and they have wanted to try again, at no additional charge – a second failure is exceptionally unusual.



## Are implants a cure for most dental issues?

If teeth can't be saved for the long term then yes! They are an end to the troubles of tooth decay, difficult root canal treatments, crowns that drop out and loose dentures. We will make sure that your mouth is healthy enough to have implants, and check your medical health is suitable.



## What about the cost?

We do not use cut price implants or cut corners to save money. We only ever prescribe treatment that is necessary and it is up to each individual to decide if the often vast improvement in their quality of life represents value for money. We are proud to say that a glance at the testimonials on our website will show you what the vast majority of our patients think.

## Implant Maintenance and follow up care

It is important to keep your implants exceptionally clean and you will be given advice regarding this. All you have to do is standard electric tooth brushing and floss plus the use of interdental brushes. It is no different to the rest of your teeth which will also benefit from similar care!

We keep a very close eye on the implants we place as we know that long term care is so important. This will involve detailed examination, small ultra-low dose x-rays, photographs and assessing the way the teeth bite together. This way we can ensure that your implants last. You can cover all of the costs for this on The Implant Care Plan.

It is very important to continue to have your other teeth checked with your own dentist as infections elsewhere in the mouth, especially with gum disease, can cause problems with the implants.

It is important to visit your hygienist at least once a year, or even more frequently if your dentist recommends it. It will help to ensure that you know how to clean and maintain your implants and other teeth.

## Fast track to dental happiness - instant implants, instant teeth!

In those cases where we can fabricate the teeth in advance of surgery, it can be possible to fix the teeth to the implants on the day that they are placed. No waiting, no wondering, just perfect dental happiness. But even if that's not possible, we'll offer that you'll never leave the surgery with an unsightly, embarrassing gap in your teeth.

**FREE**  
consultation  
with one of our specialist  
implant coordinators

“ Since having the implants, chewing has been the best benefit. I’m no longer last at the dinner table and it’s great to be able to chew on both sides of the mouth again.”

Jan, Carpenter, Hove

Watch Jan’s testimonial video at [www.theimplantcentre.com/jan](http://www.theimplantcentre.com/jan)



Jan had lost all of his chewing teeth on the top left side and was finding eating only on the right side very irritating. He had visited a clinic while overseas about the option of having implants, but had been told that there was not enough bone, so would need ‘major bone grafting’ and was understandably very worried about this so did not go ahead. While he wanted to replace these teeth

he was not prepared to go through the grafting and was especially concerned about this being carried out in another country where he was less sure about the training of the surgeons and understood there was no possibility of any back up should there be any of the complications that can be common in major grafting.

## Advanced 3D Imaging and Computer Guided Dental Implant Surgery



Both of our state-of-the-art facilities are specifically designed and equipped with some of the most advanced technology available in the UK.

3D digital imaging is imperative for dental implant treatment to ensure accurate planning, safe surgery and ultimately perfect results.

Implant surgery, as with any medical or dental intervention, requires careful planning to ensure no inadvertent damage is caused. 3D imaging allows us to look at your jaw bone from all angles on a computer screen and assess very carefully what surgical options are available to you.

This imaging also allows us to offer computer guided surgery and the manufacture of bespoke models and surgical guides for precision surgery and the safety of avoiding any nerves or blood vessels.

We will be delighted to demonstrate this equipment to you and show exactly what advantages this safe, affordable and non-invasive imaging technique has over normal dental x-rays.



### Assessment and Treatment

Jan was so reassured by the team at The Implant Centre that he immediately moved forward with treatment. He said ‘I was so pleased to hear that they are some of the pioneers of the use of shorter implants in the world so I did not need any additional bone’. The treatment was kept as simple as possible with 2 implants being placed at one appointment in a short session with standard dental local anaesthetics. As all the surgery was carried out at this first appointment – all the subsequent stages were done without having any more injections.

Simple impressions of the implants allowed the laboratory to manufacture 2 perfect screw retained crowns that are so secure and solid that they will never come loose. Jan could then eat comfortably on both sides of his mouth. This not only reduces the wear and tear on the other teeth that were being stressed, but also the new implants stop any untoward movement of the other teeth which can occur where gaps are left.

### Result

The simplicity of treatment makes Jan wish that he had come into the clinic a long time ago. He now has all of his teeth to eat whatever he enjoys without having to favour one side of his mouth. ‘I could feel my jaw aching after meals when eating on one side and I can’t believe this was good for my joints long term’.



## Ask a surgeon a question

### Have a question relating to dental implants?

visit [theimplantcentre.com/question](http://theimplantcentre.com/question) to see if your question has already been asked. If not fill out the simple form and one of our surgeons will aim to respond to you within 24 hours.

## Rest assured

Did you know that we are so confident in our success that we offer long term security for dental implants? If an implant fails to integrate with the bone we will, replace the implant at no charge to you, or we will offer you a full refund for this implant – total financial security. The Implant Care Plan offers long term security for any future issues such as later failure, gum issues or breakages, even if they are caused accidentally.

The plan includes the cost of reviews of the implants, using photos and x-rays and detailed clinical examination. Any additional treatment that is required would also be covered and the costs involved are available on our website.

## Meet the team

Here is a handful of our team, to find out more about them visit [theimplantcentre.com/our-team](http://theimplantcentre.com/our-team).



## Can you spot the implant?



Before treatment

Claire, a 44 year old lady, presented with two failing and unsightly upper central incisor teeth.



Temporary crowns removed

These teeth were carefully removed and the area allowed to heal naturally for 8 weeks during which time she had temporary stick-on bridges, she never had to struggle with a denture or a gap. The bridges helped support and preserve the gum line during healing before the implants were placed and the bridges refitted. Once stabilised after 8 weeks the new implant crowns were made to a far better size and shape to suit her other teeth.



After treatment

## Please get in touch

We look forward to helping you and the sooner you contact us, the sooner we can start. Find out about a new you; a new smile and a brighter dental future. Call today.

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