

Bondgate Dental Practice

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Inspection Report

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Overall summary

We carried out an unannounced inspection of this practice on 15 February 2016. Breaches of legal requirements were found. After the inspection, the practice wrote to us to say what they would do to meet legal requirements in relation to safe care and treatment.

We undertook this focused inspection to check they had followed their plan and to confirm they now met legal requirements. This report only covers our findings in relation to those requirements. You can read the report from our last comprehensive inspection, by selecting the 'all reports' link for Bondgate Dental Practice on our website at www.cqc.org.uk.

Our findings were:

Are services safe?

We found that this practice was providing safe care in accordance with the relevant regulations.

Background

Bondgate dental practice is situated in the centre of Helmsley, North Yorkshire close to public transport links. The practice has two treatment rooms, a waiting area and a reception area.

The practice had no registered manager at the time. A registered manager is a person who is registered with the Care Quality Commission to manage the service. Like registered providers, they are 'registered persons'. Registered persons have legal responsibility for meeting the requirements in the Health and Social Care Act 2008 and associated Regulations about how the practice is run.

Our key findings were:

- Equipment including the compressor was replaced and validated giving due regard to the pressure vessel certification requirements.
- The practice is now compliant with its legal obligations under Ionising Radiation Regulations (IRR) 99 and Ionising Radiation (Medical Exposure) Regulation (IRMER) 2000 including having a named RPA for the practice and equipment.

Summary of findings

The five questions we ask about services and what we found

We always ask the following five questions of services.

Are services safe?

We found that this practice was providing safe care in accordance with the relevant regulations.

Since the last inspection on 15 February 2016 the practice had effective systems and processes in place to ensure that all care and treatment was carried out safely. For example, the compressor had been replaced and validated.

X-ray equipment had now been serviced and a Radiation Protection advisor (RPA) had been reappointed in line with the practice local rules or the requirements of the Ionising Radiation Regulations (IRR) 99 and Ionising Radiation (Medical Exposure) Regulation (IRMER) 2000.

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Detailed findings

Background to this inspection

We undertook a desk based inspection of Bondgate Dental Practice on 19 April 2016. This inspection was carried out to check that improvements to meet legal requirements planned by the practice after our inspection on 15 February

2016 had been made. We inspected the practice against one of the five questions we ask about services: is the service safe. This is because the service was not meeting some legal requirements.

The inspection was carried out by a CQC inspector.

During the inspection we spoke with the lead dental nurse and supporting evidence was sent to the inspector to confirm our findings.

Are services safe?

Our findings

Equipment and medicines

We reviewed equipment maintenance records such as the compressor; this showed it had now been replaced in accordance with the manufacturers' guidance. The regular maintenance will ensure the equipment remains fit for purpose.

Radiography (X-rays)

The practice had implemented safe systems to service and maintain the X-ray equipment. The X-ray equipment was serviced in accordance to the Ionising Radiation Regulations (IRR) 99 and Ionising Radiation (Medical Exposure) Regulation (IRMER) 2000. A Radiation Protection Advisor had been appointed and the local rules updated and displayed with each piece of equipment.