Orthognathic pathway

An appointment on the new patient clinic for an orthodontic assessment.

Once you come to the top of the waiting list, you will be contacted for an appointment. Any necessary records will be updated, your treatment will be confirmed and all the necessary paperwork completed. Appointments to get your braces fitted will be made and then you will attend every 6-8 weeks for adjustments.

If you are looking to explore the jaw surgery option you will be made two appointments. Firstly for records which include dental impressions, photographs and x-rays if needed. These are in preparation for your second appointment which is for the joint clinic. The joint clinic is a consultation with both the orthodontic team and the maxillofacial surgeons to discuss the options of treatment with you. If you would like to go ahead you will then be placed on the waiting list.

When your orthodontist feels that your teeth are ready for surgery (this can take approximately 2 years) you will then have repeated records and another appointment on the joint clinic for the surgeon to agree that you are ready and you will then be placed on the waiting list for your surgery.

Whilst waiting for your surgery date you will still be seen every 6-8 weeks to have your braces adjusted.

At your adjustment appointment before your surgery your orthodontist will tie your braces in slightly differently to ensure it is safe during your surgery.

**Surgery!**

2-3 weeks before your surgery date you will have two appointments (usually on the same day)

One appointment is for a medical pre-assessment which is carried out before any operation. The other appointment is called the work up appointment, which is where you meet with the surgeon and orthodontist to take measurements, impressions in preparation for the surgery.

After the surgery you will be reviewed weekly for the first 2-4 weeks to monitor your progress.

Please note that your braces stay on throughout out the surgery and treatment.

You will then return to the regular 6-8 week appointments for approximately 6-12 months and then arrangements will be made for the braces to be removed (debond) and retainers to be fitted.