

Buddy OPG Scheme;

The Buddy OPG Scheme allows GDP's to refer their patients to participating Dental Practices (there is a list of participating Practices) for an OPG if the Practitioner has no direct access to an OPG machine.

The criteria for referral are;

1. The patient must be registered with a General Medical Practitioner within the appropriate postcode areas. (see attached list)
2. The Buddy OPG referral Pro Forma (attached) must be completed, giving the following information;
 - a. The referring Practitioners name, practice details, e-mail address and signature.
 - b. The Buddy OPG Practice details to which the patient is being referred
 - c. The patient's name, date of birth, address and contact details
 - d. The patients medical history
 - e. The patients Doctor's name and their Medical Practice details
 - f. The clinical reason for referral;

NB. NHS Surrey will only pay for radiographs for patients with a requirement for diagnosis and NHS treatment of third molar conditions. In exceptional cases, *with prior agreement*, NHS Surrey may approve payment for an OPG radiograph in NHS multiple extraction and complex restorative cases. The referring Practice will be liable for the cost of the radiograph (£30.00) if the request does not relate to a referral or provision of an NHS course of treatment.