## The whole truth about the tooth

## **Reasons to smile again**

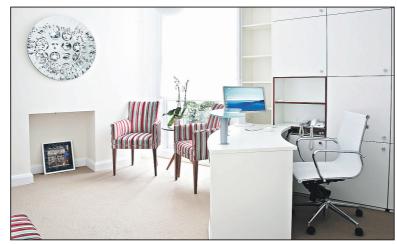
ANY PEOPLE DON'T know how to brush their teeth properly, reveals dentist Diana Spencer, at Abbey Road Dental. "Brushing teeth on a regular basis is essential to remove food deposits and plaque which cause tooth decay and gum disease. The techniques for using a manual or electric toothbrush differ and a hygienist can demonstrate the best way.

"Also, although most people brush regularly, many don't clean between their teeth and there can be a build-up of hardened plaque called calculus. Calculus and plaque cause the gums to become irritated and inflamed. The gums begin to pull away from the teeth and the gaps become infected. In the long term, the bone supporting the teeth is destroyed and healthy teeth can become loose and fall out. Regular visits to the hygienist are essential to clean the teeth, remove any calculus and to learn how to maintain healthy gums and teeth for life."

But don't stress. Dr Spencer has transformed the Abbey Road Dental Clinic from one large surgery into two spacious, clean modern surgeries, with the latest dental technology.

Behind the warm, aqua-blue door at 81 Abbey Road, there is a calming enviroment, with light pastel wall colours to enhance the airy effect of the high ceilings and the natural light through the large windows. Glass-topped partitioning walls admit more light and give a feeling of extra space, to make you even more relaxed.

An imposing feature in reception is the eye-catching black-and-white wallpaper, which can be admired from the ultra-comfy waiting chairs.



Abbey Road Dental: more like an elegant living room than a surgery

Dr Spencer's philosophy is that one can always have beautifully preserved teeth, whatever one's age and she offers a full range of treatments, including hygienist services, whitening, cosmetic dentistry and implants.

The surgery is equipped with Sirona C8+ treatment centres. These have "ErgoMotion", a system that ensures patients are seated in the most comfortable position, with intra-oral cameras to allow you to see and understand what is happening with your teeth and gums.

The aim is to help patients build long-term relationships with their dentist and feel totally at ease when receiving treatment. Children are especially welcome. Late-hours and weekend appoint-

Late-hours and weekend appointments cater for those that work fulltime and find it difficult to incorporate dental treatment into their busy schedules.

A three-minute walk from St John's Wood tube station is the Hospital of St John and St Elizabeth, which was founded in 1856 and remains one of the largest independent charitable hospitals in the UK. It has been chosen by the UK Athletics Committee as the treatment centre for the GB Olympic team.

It offers almost 600 world-renowned consultants, providing treatment for patients from babies to the very elderly, with specialist units for conditions relating to strokes; gastro-intestinal disorders; breasts; shoulders; physiotherapy, respiratory problems and spinal issues. It also prides itself on the skills of its nurse practitioners. The hospital also offers a walk-in pri-

The hospital also offers a walk-in private A & E, where insured patients can be seen immediately.

The hospital has charity status because surplus funds are redirected towards the St John's Wood Hospice, within the hospital's grounds. This provides free care within a wide catchment area, making St John's and St Elizabeth's a community-based hospital that puts something back into the community.

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