

DH & DT Communication Task – December 2019

You are meeting Jo Petrie for the first time today.

Jo is 17 years-old and has been referred to your care by a local orthodontist for ongoing oral hygiene management after the removal of her fixed orthodontic appliances.

The clinical notes from the orthodontist indicate that Jo was counselled about her poor oral hygiene at multiple visits during her orthodontic treatment but was generally unreceptive. The orthodontist recommended early removal of the appliances, however Jo did not return to have them removed until six months later.

Jo is healthy and is not taking any medication.

You observe the following clinical photograph in the referral notes.



You should aim to discuss the appearance of Jo's teeth and plan subsequent appointments to address the clinical situation.

You have 10 minutes for this consultation. You should guide the consultation towards obtaining consent for your suggested treatment plan.

An examiner will escort you into your surgery and will observe the consultation.

A second examiner will be acting as the patient and will occasionally ask you a question. You should assume that they are a regular dental patient with limited dental knowledge. You should speak to them as a patient and not as an examiner with expert dental knowledge.

You will be reminded when there is one minute left before the end of the task and you should then close the consultation appropriately.