**Cripps Dental Centre**

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The Cripps Dental Centre is set within the leafy surrounds of the University of Nottingham campus. The practice is located in a wing of the University Health Centre which houses General Medical Practitioners, Occupational Health, Physiotherapy and a Boots Pharmacy. The University Park is the main campus located just off the A52 with good connections to the ring road providing home to over 3000 students, workplace for 30000 students and staff, and located just a short bus or bike ride from Nottingham city centre (2 miles away). There are good cycle lanes leading to and inside University Park. The university is one of the largest and most attractive campuses in the UK. The landscaped settings include long established woodland, more contemporary gardens and a boating lake.

The purpose built practice has seven modern surgeries, several having their own balconies with sweeping views across the university’s landscaped gardens. Each surgery has well maintained equipment with intraoral x-ray facilities. From the reception area there is a larger separate waiting area, an OPG room, staff room with a kitchen area and a separate clinical records room. A Decontamination room will soon be completed. The ladies and gentlemen’s toilets have shower facilities which is helpful for those wishing to cycle to work. The large practice team includes six GDPs, three hygienists, a practice manager, fully qualified nurses and reception staff. An orthodontist completes the dental team, making a total of 29 members. Cripps Dental Centre also has the prestigious Investors in People Award.

A significant part of the patient base includes staff and students whose outlook is friendly and rather carefree. The national and international students provide a cosmopolitan mix. Treatment is also provided for the families of postgraduate students and the local population. The majority of treatment provided is NHS with private options available. Treatments range from conservation and preventative care to periodontal treatment supported by the hygienists. There is a special interest in implant restorations and oral surgery.

We have an active approach to learning and regularly attend postgraduate courses. The Queen’s Medical Centre (QMC) hospital is located beside the University and The Postgraduate Centre. The latter is where many dental postgraduate courses are held. The Trent Foundation Dentist group meetings are held at the QMC, just a short walk away.

There are excellent sporting facilities on campus including a sports centre, many free tennis courts, new fitness centre and swimming pool. These are all available to join as a member of the Cripps Dental Centre. A new extension to the university Portland building provides a convenient range of shops, banking services, and catering services to visit. With the number of staff present at Cripps, there is a good social life.

I can thoroughly recommend Cripps Dental Centre as an excellent place to work. The practice has been a training practice for many years and has grown in size and expertise and is an excellent place to learn and develop future skills.

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