



# Dental Health Services

## Advice to Parents and Carers



One of the possible complications following dental treatment under local anaesthesia is **Lip or Tongue Biting**. Although children are routinely warned of the dangers of biting their lip when it is numb, they sometimes forget.

The photographs above are of classical lip bites after 1 day and are being shown to help you recognise the condition. A lip bite can present as an alarming lesion, be very painful and include considerable swelling. It can be misinterpreted by parents as being caused by the trauma of dental drills and instruments, or appear as a burn.

If a lip bite does occur the treatment is warm salty mouth rinses for approximately 3 days and the use of soothing creams such as those used in teething.

Please do not hesitate to speak to clinic staff if you require further information.

