

# AMALGAM FILLINGS

**Q** What are fillings?

**A** Fillings are used to repair teeth that are damaged by decay or trauma. Having a filling involves removing the damaged tooth tissue, shaping the cavity and then filling it.

**Q** What are amalgam fillings?

**A** Traditionally fillings in back teeth have been silver in colour and made of amalgam, however it is possible to have a modern, tooth coloured filling bonded in place, but this is not available on the NHS.



**Q** Will it hurt?

**A** It would depend on the size of cavity and the amount of decay. It is up to you whether you have the tooth numbed before you have a filling and it is worth discussing this with your dentist.