Bad breath
Poor dental hygiene is putting a damper on romance, according to Dentyl pH, the mouthwash experts. Their Kiss and Tell study, found that more than a third of respondents said they would avoid someone of the opposite sex with bad breath, while over a quarter would think such a person was generally unclean or unhygienic and one in six thought bad breath might be a sign of illness.

More than a quarter had avoided a potential partner because of that person’s bad breath and nearly three quarters said they wouldn’t let a person with bad breath kiss them. While nearly a third had backed away from someone of the opposite sex to leave children to wait that long ‘I can’t believe they are prepared to leave children to wait that long for dental treatment under sedation in Plymouth dental services, has added: ‘This means there is a need for more dentists to be available to undertake these procedures. It has also been mentioned that the waiting time for dental treatment under sedation is currently ‘much longer than we would want’ due to health and safety restrictions’.

The nitrous oxide used for dental sedation can pose a hazard to clinical staff over an extended period of time, so staff exposure time needs to be limited. This means only three patients can be treated under sedation a day.

In 2006, an eight-year-old girl developed such a phobia of dentists that after having her teeth out under sedation, she refused to eat or drink and starved to death.