

Freedom of Information request 256-18

Request and Response

Please can you provide the following information for the **public dental service provided by your organisation** for the year 6th April 2017 and 5th April 2018.

1. Does your organisation provide a public dental service?

Yes, we do provide a public dental service. Please continue to Question 2.

2. What geographical area does this service cover?

Scottish Borders

3. Has any of the geographic area covered by the public dental service that your organisation provides been the subject of a dental public health needs assessment in the past two years?

No

If 'no', then please proceed to Question 5

4. Did your organisation receive the results of this public health needs assessment?

Not applicable.

5. For each grade please enter the relevant number corresponding to the column and row labels.

**By WTE we mean 'whole time equivalent'. This is the total hours worked by all dentists divided by average hours worked by a full-time dentist. Please write '0' if there are no staff at a specific grade.*

Grade	Currently (today) how many dentists are employed by your organisation on community dentists' terms and conditions:		Currently (today) how many dentist positions (headcount) are vacant:	Between 6th April 2017 and 5th April 2018 how many (headcount):		
	headcount	WTE*		posts became vacant	vacant posts were advertised	vacant posts were filled.
Band A Dental Officer	0	0	2	2		
Band B Senior Dental Officer	3	2.84				
Band C Assistant Clinical Director	0	0				
Band C Clinical Director/Chief Administrative Dental Officers	1	0.8				
Other dentist	13	11.05				

6. How many patients has your public dental service provided treatment for in the year 6th April 2017 to 5th April 2018?

16,260

7. During the financial year 6th April 2017 to 5th April 2018 how many patients were referred and accepted into your public dental service from:

A General Dental Practitioner (GDP): [**300**]

Another healthcare professional (apart from a GDP): [**200**]

8. Of all new patients referred and accepted into your public dental service during the financial year 6th April 2017 to 5th April 2018 how many waited or are scheduled to wait more than 18 weeks for:

Initial assessment: [**0**]

Commencement of treatment: [**0**]

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The request for a review should include your name and address for correspondence, the request for information to which the request relates and the issue which you wish to be reviewed. Please state the reference number **256-18** on this request. Your request should be made within 40 working days from receipt of this letter.

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