

Freedom of Information request 4-20

Request

- 1) In the financial year 2018-19, how many patients presented at your A&E departments (to include major A&E departments, minor injuries units and walk-in centres) with dental health problems?

Of these:

- Of the patients presenting with dental health problems, how many received treatment at the hospital during that visit?
- Of the patients presenting with dental health problems, can the numbers please be broken down by type of problem e.g. toothache, loss of teeth, bleeding from the mouth.
- Of the patients presenting with dental health problems, can the numbers please be broken down by age of the patient e.g. 0-9, 10-19, 20-29, 30-39, 40-49, 50-59, 60-69, 70-79, 80-89, 90+
- Of the patients presenting with dental health problems, how many were not registered with an NHS dentist?

- 2) Can I please get the figures above, but for the following financial years (separately):

2014-15
2015-16
2016-17
2017-18
2019-20 to Jan 1st 2020.

Response

- 1) In 2018-19 141 patients attended NHS Borders' Emergency Department with dental health problems.

a)	Admitted to hospital	3	5	5	5	3	5
b)	Diagnosis Code/ Description	2014'15	2015'16	2016'17	2017'18	2018'19	Apr to Dec 2019
	K02 Dental caries	47	28	45	43	42	26
	K04 Diseases of pulp and periapical tissues	17	16	14	28	39	22
	K00 - K09 (Exc K02, K04)	17	32	19	12	25	17
	K10 - K14	26	31	39	16	35	16
	Total	107	107	117	99	141	81

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c)	Ageband	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
	0-9	5	7	7	<5	9	7
	10-19	14	11	8	10	11	5
	20-29	29	25	23	25	36	7
	30-39	18	17	17	14	15	23
	40-49	10	11	17	9	22	11
	50-59	14	12	19	11	20	8
	60-69	<5	11	7	17	12	8
	70-79	6	6	9	7	8	<5
	80-89	<5	<5	6	<5	<5	6
	Not Recorded	6	<5	<5	<5	5	<5
	Total	107	107	117	99	141	81

d) NHS Borders do not hold data on whether the patient is registered with an NHS dentist. Therefore under Section 17 of the FOI(S)A 2002 this data is not held.

Notes:

Extracted using Diagnosis Codes K00 to K14

K00 - K09 Group Includes:-

- K00 Disorders of tooth development and eruption
- K01 Embedded and impacted teeth
- K03 Other diseases of hard tissues of teeth
- K05 Gingivitis and periodontal diseases
- K06 Other disorders of gingiva and edentulous alveolar ridge
- K07 Dentofacial anomalies [including malocclusion]

K08 Other disorders of teeth and supporting structures

K09 Cysts of oral region, not elsewhere classified

K10 - K14 Group Includes:-

- K10 Other diseases of jaws
- K11 Diseases of salivary glands
- K12 Stomatitis and related lesions
- K13 Other diseases of lip and oral mucosa
- K14 Diseases of tongue

As the number of events in some areas are very small and in accordance with the Code of Practice for Official Statistics any number that is less than five, actual numbers and potentially identifiable information is withheld to help maintain patient confidentiality due to potential risk of disclosure. Further information is available in the [ISD Statistical Disclosure Control Protocol](#).

If you are not satisfied with the way your request has been handled or the decision given, you may ask NHS Borders to review its actions and the decision. If you would like to request a review please apply in writing to, Freedom of Information Review, NHS Borders, Room 2EC3, Education Centre, Borders General Hospital, Melrose, TD6 9BS or foi.enquiries@borders.scot.nhs.uk.

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 **4-20** on this request. Your request should be made within 40 working days from receipt of this letter.

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