

Freedom of Information request 554-23

Request

For Dental Practices in your Health Board region, can you please inform me of:

1. The number of dental practices subject to CPI dental practice inspection.
2. The number of dental practices operating with a fully compliant Washer Disinfector unit in their LDU.
3. The number of dental practices operating with a fully validated & serviced Ultrasonic Bath, either on a regular daily basis or available as a backup to Washer Disinfector in their LDU.
4. The number of dental practices operating with fully compliant manual wash & rinse sink arrangement in their LDU. Ref: SHPN 13 Part 2 - Decontamination Facilities: Local Decontamination. i.e Dedicated manual wash sink & draining board (1m) PLUS Dedicated rinse sink & draining board (1m).
5. The number of dental practices operating with (i) compromised manual wash & rinse sink arrangements in their LDU (ii) The most common reasons for compromise on manual wash /rinse facility.
6. The number of dental practices operating with a compromised manual wash facility that also have a fully serviced & validated Ultrasonic Bath available for immediate use.

Response

1. There are 19 General Dental Services practices and 4 Personal Dental Services sites in NHS Borders region that are subject to CPI dental practice inspection.
2. There are 20 dental practices operating with a fully compliant Washer Disinfector unit in their Local Decontamination Unit (LDU) - 3 utilise a remote LDU.
3. Due to the 3-year cyclical nature of CPI's, a practice may have bought an Ultrasonic Bath and be using it within the interim period and there is no requirement for them to advise the Board, therefore, this information is not held, as defined in Section 17, Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002.
4. Dimensions are not assessed during a CPI, therefore this information is not held, as defined in Section 17, Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002.
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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.

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