

Freedom of Information request 655-22

Request

1. How much has this health board spent on dentistry in each year since 2017/18?
2. How many patients have received dental treatment that was paid for via this NHS health board in each year since 2017/18. Please provide data for the current year to date.
3. How many dental procedures have been paid for via this NHS health board in each year since 2017/18. Please provide data for the current year to date.

Response

1. The total amount spent on Dental Services provided by the Board within Primacy & Community Services Division is:

2017/18	£3,458,099
2018/19	£3,327,484
2019/20	£3,275,780
2020/21	£3,233,764
2021/22	£3,569,524
2022/23	£2,064,642 (up to October 2022)

2. The numbers of patients that have received dental treatment that was paid for via NHS Borders are:

2017/18	674
2018/19	547
2019/20	549
2020/21	150
2021/22	368
2022/23	292 (up to November 2022)

Please note: These figures do not include patients who “did not attend” and are for patients who attended hospital for dental treatment. We do not hold data for patients who have attended community dental services, under Section 17 of the FOI(S)A 2002 this is not held.

3. The numbers of dental procedures that were paid for via NHS Borders are:

2017/18	114
2018/19	140
2019/20	92
2020/21	20
2021/22	39
2022/23	33 (up to November 2022)

Please note: Due to the lag time in coding, the data may be light for the later months in 2022. This data is for patients who attended hospital for dental treatment. We do not hold data for patients who have attended community dental services, under Section 17 of the FOI(S)A 2002 this is not held.

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 **655-22** on this request. Your request should be made within 40 working days from receipt of this letter.

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