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Dear Sir/Madam

Freedom of Information Act (FOI) 2000 - Request for Information Reference: Dental Care in A&E

I am writing in response to your request for information under the FOI 2000.

I can confirm in accordance with Section 1 (1) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 that we do hold the information you have requested. A response to each part of your request is provided below. Please accept our apologies for the delay.

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<tr><th>FOI Request / Question</th><th>Question Response</th><th>Is there an exemption?</th><th>Exemption</th><th>Exemption Details</th></tr>
<tr><td>1) For each financial year between 2019-20 and 2025-26, 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?
• To specify, this is where the primary diagnosis for A&E attendance is related to dental disorders (excluding OMFS if possible).
• 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.
Where possible please categorise this breakdown into the standardised diagnoses list of 'Hospital Admitted Patient Care Activity', specifically related to K0-K14 for dental health problems (https://digital.nhs.uk/data-and-information/publications/statistical/hospital-admitted-patient-care-activity) which are specified as such:

o Disorders of tooth development and eruption
o Embedded and impacted teeth</td><td>
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<tr><th>Financial Year</th><th>Count of uec_attendance_id</th></tr>
<tr><td>2021-2022</td><td>297</td></tr>
<tr><td>2022-2023</td><td>1263</td></tr>
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<tr><th>Primary Diagnosis Name</th><th>Count of uec_attendance_id</th></tr>
<tr><td>Broken tooth with complication</td><td>29</td></tr>
<tr><td>Broken tooth without complication</td><td>63</td></tr>
<tr><td>Complete avulsion of tooth</td><td>62</td></tr>
<tr><td>Dental abscess</td><td>4623</td></tr>
<tr><td>Dental calculus</td><td>1</td></tr>
<tr><td>Dental caries</td><td>958</td></tr>
<tr><td>Dental caries associated with enamel hypoplasia</td><td>1</td></tr>
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o Dental caries o Other diseases of hard tissues of teeth o Diseases of pulp and periapical tissues o Gingivitis and periodontal diseases o Other disorders of gingiva and edentulous alveolar ridge o Dentofacial anomalies [including malocclusion] o Other disorders of teeth and supporting structures o Cysts of oral region, not elsewhere classified o Other diseases of jaws o Diseases of salivary glands o Stomatitis and related lesions o Other diseases of lip and oral mucosa o Diseases of tongue. • Of the patients presenting with dental health problems, can the numbers please be broken down by age of the patient eg. 0-9, 10-19, 20-29, 30-39, 40-49, 50-59, 60-69, 70-79, 80-89, 90+	Dental peri-implantitis	1			
	Dental trauma	2			
	Extrusive luxation of tooth	71			
	Fracture of crown of tooth, enamel and dentin, with pulp exposure	1			
	Fracture of tooth	3			
	Gum injury	3			
	Impacted third molar tooth	5			
	Impacted tooth in soft tissue	1			
	Infection of tooth	60			
	Injury of dental structures	1			
	Injury of teeth	3			
	Midline deviation of dental arch	1			
	Open wound of gum	3			
	Partially impacted tooth	1			
	Posteruptive tooth staining due to pulpal bleeding	1			
	Postoperative dental wound haemorrhage	1			
	Sharp tooth	1			

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	Subluxation of tooth: 3 **Age Category** / **Count of uec_attendance_id** 0-9: 219 10-19: 389 20-29: 1018 30-39: 1473 40-49: 1054 50-59: 807 60-69: 578 70-79: 237 80-89: 105 90+: 19			
2) Of the patients presenting with dental health problems, how many received treatment at the hospital during that visit? • This is any recorded treatment during the A&E attendance.	**Treatment Given** / **Count of uec_attendance_id** N: 265 Y: 5634			

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I trust this information answers your request. Should you have any further enquiries or queries about this response please do not hesitate to contact me. However, if you are unhappy with the way in which your request has been handled, you have the right to ask for an internal review. Internal review requests should be submitted within two months of the date of receipt of the response to your original letter and should be addressed to: Sally Brook Shanahan, Director of Corporate Affairs, King's Mill Hospital, Mansfield Road, Sutton in Ashfield, Nottinghamshire, NG17 4JL or email sally.brookshanahan@nhs.net.

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Yours faithfully

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