

Your request

You requested the following:

Emergency Dental Patients in A&E in Wales, December 2022 to June 2023

1. In the period 1st December 2022 to 30th June 2023, how many times did patients present at your general emergency/urgent care services with dental problems? Please can you state whether the response solely relates to major A&Es or whether any minor injury units have been included too? If you have any specialist facilities for dental treatment, please exclude these.
2. Provide a breakdown of this figure down by:
 - a) Type of problem e.g. toothache, abscess/infection, loss of teeth, broken or loose teeth, gum disease/bleeding from the mouth, decay etc.
 - b) The ages of the patients e.g. 0-9, 10-19, 20-29, 30-39, 40-49, 50-59, 60-69, 70-79, 80-89, 90+.
 - c) The gender of the patients.

Our response

1. Our response for question 1 for the time-period requested is provided in the table below:

| Hospital | Department | Total Attendances |
|----------------------------------|---------------------------|-------------------|
| Grange University Hospital (GUH) | Emergency Department (ED) | 268 |
| Nevill Hall Hospital (NHH) | Minor Injuries Unit (MIU) | 17 |
| Royal Gwent Hospital (RGH) | Minor Injuries Unit (MIU) | 60 |
| Ysbyty Aneurin Bevan (YAB) | Minor Injuries Unit (MIU) | 3 |
| Ysbyty Ystrad Fawr (YAB) | Minor Injuries Unit (MIU) | 40 |
| Total | | 388 |

2. For question 2a, the Health Board is not able to provide this level of data from the Emergency Department system. To determine this the Health Board would have to review every patient record. Therefore, to comply with your request, the Health Board has established that this would exceed the appropriate costs limit under Section 12 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 which is currently £450. We have calculated that it would take in excess of 18 hours to review the record of each patient. This is not an exemption which requires us to consider the application of the public interest test.

Our response for question 2b is provided in the table below:

| Age Range | GUH | NHH | RGH | YAB | YYF | Total |
|--------------|------------|-----------|-----------|----------|-----------|------------|
| 0-9 | 31 | 0 | 5 | 0 | 2 | 38 |
| 10-19 | 18 | 0 | 4 | 0 | 6 | 28 |
| 20-29 | 72 | 3 | 12 | 2 | 6 | 95 |
| 30-39 | 54 | 4 | 17 | 0 | 6 | 81 |
| 40-49 | 29 | 3 | 14 | 1 | 8 | 55 |
| 50-59 | 35 | 2 | 5 | 0 | 6 | 48 |
| 60-69 | 13 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 19 |
| 70-79 | 9 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 13 |
| 80-89 | 6 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 10 |
| 90+ | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| Total | 268 | 17 | 60 | 3 | 40 | 388 |

Our response for question 2c is provided in the table below:

| Hospital | Female | Male | Total Attendances |
|--------------|------------|------------|-------------------|
| GUH | 124 | 144 | 268 |
| NHH | 7 | 10 | 17 |
| RGH | 26 | 34 | 60 |
| YAB | 0 | 3 | 3 |
| YYF | 16 | 24 | 40 |
| Total | 173 | 215 | 388 |