

## **Freedom of Information Request: Our Reference CTHB\_385\_17**

### **You asked:**

Can you provide me with figures on the number of children who have required hospital treatment for tooth decay/problems related to tooth decay in each of the last 5 years?

### **Our response:**

Please see provided below the number of children (aged 0-17) that had an inpatient/daycase episode with a diagnosis of tooth decay (ICD10: K02\*).

<b>Financial Year</b>	<b>Inpatient</b>	<b>Daycase</b>	<b>Total</b>
2012/13	21	77	98
2013/14	26	83	109
2014/15	16	89	105
2015/16	10	68	78
2016/17	30	530*	560
Total	103	847	950

\*Please note that the implied increase in daycase episodes for 2016/17 is due to changes within the service. Patients are now admitted for dental extractions where previously they would have been treated as an outpatient. Outpatient procedures are not clinically coded and therefore it is important to not directly compare the day case numbers and totals for 2016/17 with previous years.