

Freedom of Information Request: Our Reference CTMUHB_136_20

You asked:

Please can I request the following information under the Freedom of Information Act:

1) In the period January 1 to March 31, 2020, how many times did patients present at your A&E departments (to include major A&E departments, minor injuries units and walk-in centres) with dental health problems? (Please can you state whether the response solely relate 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.

Of these patients:

2) Can the numbers please be broken down by type of problem e.g. toothache, abscess/infection, loss of teeth, broken or loose teeth, gum disease/bleeding from the mouth, decay.

3) Of the patients presenting with dental health problems, can the numbers please be broken down by age of the patient e.g. 0-9, 10-19, 20-29, 30-39, 40-49, 50-59, 60-69, 70-79, 80-89, 90+ If the above request cannot be accommodated within cost limits, please can you provide me with advice and assistance on how I may refine my request.

Our response:

Please note the following:

The patient cohort provided below is based on the mention of 'dental', 'tooth and 'gum' in the free text complaint field and only includes those patients where the field has been completed

The detailed information you require would be recorded within an individual patient's health record as part of their ongoing care. To provide you with this information, would require a manual trawl and significantly exceed the 18 hours time and £450 cost limit set out within Section 12 of the Freedom of Information Act.

Please see information provided in the table below:

A&E Attendances (inc Minor Injuries) with Dental Problems: 01.01.20 - 31.03.20	
Age	Attendances
0-9	5
10-19	8
20-29	25
30-39	15
40-49	5
50-59	9
60-79	5
80+	0
Total	72