

Freedom of Information Request: Our Reference CTMUHB_186_22

You asked:

I would like to know how many people you have on your waiting lists to get an NHS dentist. This is the waiting list to be registered with a dental practice rather than just to be referred for emergency help. A number of Welsh dental practices have told us that their local health board oversees these waiting lists. I'm also interested in what these figures are for the past 5 years to see what the trend is.

Q1) How many adults are on the waiting list to get an NHS dentist? Please could I have the data for the calendar years 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021 and the latest total number of adults on the waiting list on the date you supply the information in 2022.

Q2) How many children are on the waiting list to get an NHS dentist? Please could I have the data for the calendar years 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021 and the latest total number of children on the waiting list on the date you supply the information in 2022.

Our response:

The Health Board has a waiting list for patients looking for routine dental treatment; however, it does not include patients' date of birth so we are unable to provide a breakdown of the number of adults and children. The Health Board did not have a waiting list prior to July 2021 and each quarter is able to allocate patients from the waiting list to NHS general dental practices.

The table below shows the number of patients added to the waiting list in each calendar year and the number currently waiting to be allocated to a dental practice [i.e. 356 patients].

Calendar Years	Number of patients added to waiting list	Number of patients currently on waiting list
2017	nil	nil
2018	nil	nil
2019	nil	nil
2020	nil	nil
2021	543 patients	nil
2022	2,754 patients	356 patients [waiting to be allocated]