

## Freedom of Information Request: Our Reference CTMUHB\_203\_22

### You asked:

Please provide the following information under the FoI Act:

- The total number of dental practices in your health board area.
- The number and percentage of them:
  - accepting adult NHS patients
  - accepting NHS child patients up to secondary school age (up to 16 years of age or 18 years of age if in full time education)
  - accepting NHS child patients and young people with learning disabilities
  - accepting charge exempt NHS patients
  - with a waiting list for NHS patients
  - accepting private patients
  - with a waiting list for private patients
  - that are an NHS practice accepting private patients only

### Our response:

- There are 53 [NHS dental practices](#) in Cwm Taf Morgannwg University Health Board area (i.e. 52 general dental practices and 1 orthodontic practice).
- From April 2022, general dental practices were given the option to participate in the dental contract reform programme. For the 47 dental practices that chose to participate in the programme, a requirement is they need to accept an agreed number of new NHS patients during 2022/23. Therefore 90% of dental practices are accepting new NHS patients, either allocated to practices from the Health Board's waiting list or from patients who contact the practice directly. The practices accept adults, children and patients with learning disabilities.

All 47 dental practices would accept patients with learning disabilities, however if the patient could not be treated safely in a standard dental practice environment the dentist would refer the patient to the Community Dental Service.

- The Health Board does not hold information about the waiting lists for dental practices.
- The Health Board does not hold information regarding private dental practices.

For further information, you may wish to contact the [dental practices](#) directly.