

## Freedom of Information Request: Our Reference CTMUHB\_319\_23

### You asked:

- 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.**

129. Female = 68 Male = 61.

- 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.**

Please see breakdown provided in the table below. Noting the following:

- The date range for the data is 01/12/2022 to 30/06/2023.
- The search criteria for this request is from free text fields because of this we cannot guarantee the accuracy of the results.
- We have searched in the ED diagnosis, triage comments and initial complaint fields for the words tooth, teeth, dental and gum. We have excluded any of these results if the fields also contained the words assault or injury.
- The results are for major A&E.
- When you search on free text fields you can get multiple results, for the same question.
- Where the figures are less than 5, this has been denoted by \*. The exact figures have been withheld due to the low numbers involved.

Where numbers are low we have considered that there is the potential for the individuals to be identified from the information provided, when considered with other information that may also be in the public domain. Also, responses under the Freedom of Information Act are made available to the public at large. The data is classed as personal data as defined under the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) and Data Protection Act 2018 and its disclosure would be contrary to the data protection principles and constitute as unfair and unlawful processing in regard to Articles 5, 6, and 9 of GDPR. We are therefore withholding this detail under Section 40(2)

of the Freedom of Information Act 2000. This exemption is absolute and therefore there is no requirement to apply the public interest test.

<b>Age Range (years)</b>	<b>0-9</b>		<b>10-19</b>		<b>20-29</b>		<b>30-39</b>		<b>40-49</b>		<b>50-59</b>		<b>60-69</b>		<b>70-79</b>		<b>80-89</b>	
<b>Gender</b>	<b>F</b>	<b>M</b>	<b>F</b>	<b>M</b>	<b>F</b>	<b>M</b>	<b>F</b>	<b>M</b>	<b>F</b>	<b>M</b>	<b>F</b>	<b>M</b>	<b>F</b>	<b>M</b>	<b>F</b>	<b>M</b>	<b>F</b>	<b>M</b>
<b>Abscess/Infection</b>	*	6	*	*	8	10	*	6	5	6	7	*	*	*	*	*	0	0
<b>Gum problem</b>	0	0	*	0	0	*	0	0	0	0	0	*	0	0	*	0	0	0
<b>Non Specific Dental Problem</b>	*	*	*	0	5	0	*	*	0	*	*	*	*	0	*	0	0	*
<b>Post Dental Treatment problem</b>	0	0	*	*	0	*	0	0	*	0	0	0	0	*	0	*	0	0
<b>Toothache</b>	*	*	0	*	*	*	*	*	*	0	*	0	0	*	0	*	0	0