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**Requested:**

How many under 18-year-olds are currently on a waiting list for an NHS dentist in your health board?

By how much has the waiting list to see an NHS dentist grown or decreased in your health board between the financial year 2019/20 and 2021/22?

**Response:**

1. Hywel Dda University Health Board (UHB) is unable to provide you with the information requested, as the information is not held in its entirety by the UHB. Within the UHB's area, many of the Dental Practices hold their own waiting lists. It is also worth noting that individuals can be added to multiple waiting lists concurrently.

The UHB does hold waiting lists for dentists within the South Ceredigion, Llanelli and Llandeilo areas. However, it is important to note that there is no geographical boundary for registration with NHS Wales dentists and therefore, an individual may be added to a waiting list within any county, provided they are prepared to travel for their appointment.

As at 16 November 2022, the UHB holds a waiting list of six thousand seven hundred and forty eight (6,748) patients, of which one thousand five hundred and twenty three (1,523) are under the age of 18.

2. The UHB does not hold this information. The waiting list held by the UHB is a live document. As patients are removed as they are allocated to a practice, and added upon request, the UHB is only able to provide the information at a fixed point in time.