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Subject:	NHS Dentistry
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Requested:

1. The number of people that are currently on a waiting list to register at an NHS General Dental Service provider within the health board, providing a breakdown of how many are:
 - a. Adults
 - b. Children
- 2) The number of people that are currently on a waiting list to register at a Community Dental Service provider within the health board, providing a breakdown of how many are:
 - a. Adults
 - b. Children
- 3) The number of people that are on an NHS Community Dental Service waiting list to receive treatment, providing a breakdown of how many are:
 - a. Adults
 - b. Children
- 4) The number of adults who are currently on an NHS General Dental Service waiting list to receive treatment.
- 5) The number of children who are currently on an NHS General Dental Service waiting list to receive treatment.

Response:

1. There is no formal registration process for NHS dental services in Wales and this has been the case since the introduction of the current NHS Dental Contract in Wales in 2006. Dental Practices are independent businesses who hold a contract with Hywel Dda University Health Board (UHB) to provide a specified amount of NHS dental activity. In most areas of the UHB, individual dental practices hold their own waiting lists and therefore, we do not hold this information. Historically, the UHB has held a waiting list for NHS Dental Practices in the Llandeilo, Cardigan and Llanelli areas. This list has now been suspended and we are no longer adding patients. However, those patients who are already on this waiting list will be allocated as and when capacity allows and dental practices contact us for new patients.

Additionally, the UHB is currently adding names to a holding list for the new dental practice opening in Ammanford – patients who were receiving NHS dental care at practices who have terminated their NHS contracts in Ammanford, Llandeilo and Cross Hands have been invited to add their names to this list.

The table below provides the number of patients on both waiting lists, broken down into adults and children as at 1 August 2023.

List description	Adults	Children
Historic list	3,961	1,207
Ammanford practice	1,032	337

2. The UHB's Community Dental Service is a referral only service for patients who cannot be treated in a General Dental Practice. The table below provides the number of patients, broken down into adults and children who were on the waiting list for assessment as at 1 August 2023.

Adults	Children
368	430

There are also a further 1,228 patients on the new patient list. The UHB is unable to provide a breakdown of adults and children, as this data is not held as separate adult and children figures, nor is it held in a format by which this information is easily identifiable.

3. The table overleaf provides the number of adults and children currently waiting to receive treatment from the Community Dental Service.

Adults	Children
136	70

4. The UHB does not hold the requested information.
5. The UHB does not hold the requested information.