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<b>Subject:</b>	NHS Dentists
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**Requested:**

How many new dentists (without contracts previously) have been added to the register of NHS dentists in your health board area during the 2025-26 financial year and what months of the financial year did they register?

**Clarified:**

To help us process your request for information we requested the following clarification:

- As NHS dentists and NHS contracts are two separate things, we would be grateful if you could clarify if you are requesting the number of dentists newly included on the dental performers list for the health board area during the 2025-2026 financial year please, or whether you are seeking information on the number of new NHS dental contracts that have commenced within the health board area during the 2025-2026 financial year please

The UHB received the following clarification:

- If you could provide both that would be great.

**Response:**

Dentists are employed directly by the contract owner and not the Health Board. All dentists providing NHS general dental services must be included in a Dental Performers List in Wales, however, they can provide NHS services anywhere in Wales irrespective of which Health Board's Performers List they sit on.

Dental Performers Lists are managed by NHS Wales Shared Services Partnership. More information can be found here: [Dental Performers List Search - NHS Wales Shared Services Partnership](#)

Hywel Dda University Health Board (UHB) confirms that as at 12 March 2026, nineteen (19) dentists that had not previously been included as performers on NHS dental contracts have been added as performers on NHS dental contracts within the UHB's area during the 2025/26 financial year.

The UHB provides in the table below the number of dentists registered to NHS dental contracts in the UHB, broken down by month, between 1 April 2025 and 12 March 2026.

Month	Number of Dentists
April	5
August	1
September	9
November	1
January	3

The UHB can confirm that zero (0) new dental contracts have commenced between 1 April 2025 and 12 March 2026.