

Reference:	FOI.8903.22
Subject:	Number of people on a waiting list for an NHS dentist
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Requested:

I would like to know how many people you have on your waiting lists to get an NHS dentist. This is the waiting list to be registered with a dental practice rather than just to be referred for emergency help. A number of Welsh dental practices have told the BBC that their local health board oversees these waiting lists. I'm also interested in what these figures are for the past 5 years to see what the trend is.

1. How many adults are on the waiting list to get an NHS dentist?
Please could I have the data for the calendar years 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021 and the latest total number of adults on the waiting list on the date you supply the information in 2022.
2. How many children are on the waiting list to get an NHS dentist?
Please could I have the data for the calendar years 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021 and the latest total number of children on the waiting list on the date you supply the information in 2022.

Response:

Hywel Dda University Health Board (UHB) regrets to inform you that it does not hold all of the information requested. The Dental Practices in the UHB's geographical area hold their own information and consequently, the UHB does not have access to all of the details you require.

Therefore, this information would need to be requested directly from the individual Dental Practices. Contact details for each of them can be found via the following link:

[Health in Wales | Dentists in Hywel Dda University Health Board](#)

However, whilst operating in accordance with the Section 45 Freedom of Information Code of Practice, the UHB has a duty to provide advice and assistance. The UHB does hold a central waiting list for an NHS dentist in Llanelli, Llandeilo and Cardigan areas. These Dental Practices will also hold their own waiting lists and can be contacted via the link provided above to obtain the information they hold.

Therefore, the UHB confirms that the current number of patients on the UHB's central waiting list for an NHS dentist, across the Llanelli, Llandeilo and Cardigan areas is 9,025, as at 26 May 2022.

The UHB is unable to provide the data for the calendar years requested, as the information on its central waiting list is held on a live system and changes daily.