

FOI REF: 25/127

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Website: www.esht.nhs.uk**FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT**

I am responding to your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act. The answers to your specific questions are as follows:

1. **The number of admissions to your NHS Trust attributed to issues related to tooth decay in each of the following calendar years:**

A) 2019	295
B) 2020	110
C) 2021	141
D) 2022	152
E) 2023	157
F) 2024	172

2. **The number of admissions to your NHS Trust of someone aged under the age of 18 attributed to issues related to tooth decay in each of the following calendar years:**

A) 2019	16
B) 2020	3
C) 2021	8
D) 2022	2
E) 2023	5
F) 2024	11

3. **The number of A&E attendances to your NHS trust attributed to issues related to tooth decay in each of the following calendar years:**

A) 2019	591
B) 2020	437
C) 2021	1127
D) 2022	1030
E) 2023	860
F) 2024	968

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Please note, it is difficult to identify patients that have presented with tooth decay as this is not necessarily known at the point they arrive and may not be recorded as related to dental/teeth. The data we have provided is based on the patient being recorded with a diagnosis for 'dental caries/dental abscess' on assessment.

4. The number of A&E attendances to your NHS trust of someone aged under the age of 18 attributed to issues related to tooth decay in each of the following calendar years:

A) 2019	38
B) 2020	32
C) 2021	87
D) 2022	92
E) 2023	88
F) 2024	85

If I can be of any further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Should you be dissatisfied with the Trust's response to your request, you have the right to request an internal review. Please write to the Freedom of Information Department (esh-tr.foi@nhs.net), quoting the above reference, within 40 working days. The Trust is not obliged to accept an internal review after this date.

Should you still be dissatisfied with your FOI request, you have the right of complaint to the Information Commissioner at the following address:

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Yours sincerely

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