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Further to your recent request for information made under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) 2000, I now set out our answers to your specific questions, and any clarifications sought and provided, as follows:

- 1) **For each financial year between 2019-20 and 2025-26, how many patients presented at your A&E departments (to include major A&E departments, minor injuries units and walk-in centres) with dental health problems?**

To specify, this is where the primary diagnosis for A&E attendance is related to dental disorders (excluding OMFS if possible).

[Please see the attached document - 'FOI 26-673 ED Dental Health Problem'.](#)

- 2) **Of the patients presenting with dental health problems, how many received treatment at the hospital during that visit? This is any recorded treatment during the A&E attendance.**

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- 3) **Of the patients presenting with dental health problems, can the numbers please be broken down by type of problem e.g. toothache, loss of teeth, bleeding from the mouth.**

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- 4) **Of the patients presenting with dental health problems, can the numbers please be broken down by age of the patient e.g. 0-9, 10-19, 20-29, 30-39, 40-49, 50-59, 60-69, 70-79, 80-89, 90+**

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[Please note that East Sussex Healthcare NHS Trust's Emergency Departments use ECDS SNOMED codes. The diagnoses agreed with the ED service, relating to dental health problems, and therefore included in this response, are shown in the attached document - 'FOI 26-673 ED Dental Health Problem'.](#)

I trust this information is helpful in its detail or explanation however, if you are dissatisfied with the response, then you have the right to request an internal review. If you wish to seek an internal review, please write to the Freedom of Information Team at esh-tr.foi@nhs.net

quoting the above FOI reference number, within 40 working days. Please note the Trust is not obliged to accept a request for an internal review after this time period.

Yours faithfully

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FOI 26/673 - East Sussex Healthcare NHS Trust**Response to Questions 1 and 3: Patients Presenting to A&E with Dental Health Problems, by Financial Year and Type of Dental Condition***F.Y. 20-21 only From 10th Dec 20 to 31st Mar 20*

ECDS Group	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26
Dental abscess	201	825	754	652	683	793
Dental caries	71	295	199	247	280	332
Fracture of tooth (complex)	10	16	8	9	11	10
Fracture of tooth (simple)	6	27	15	19	23	26
Gingivitis / gingivostomatitis	6	30	31	23	61	46
Loose tooth / teeth	1	7	11	3	6	8
Mouth ulcer		2	24	44	56	73
Salivary gland abscess	1	29	18	17	27	15
Salivary gland stone	7	24	24	30	22	28
Temporomandibular joint disorder	13	49	32	43	76	99
Tooth / teeth removed from socket	1	20	13	18	21	36
Grand Total	317	1324	1129	1105	1266	1466

Response to Question 4: Patients Presenting to A&E with Dental Health Problems, by Financial Year and Age Group*F.Y. 20-21 only From 10th Dec 20 to 31st Mar 20*

Age Band	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26
0-9	10	88	65	82	97	106
10-19	16	74	105	107	96	120
20-29	84	271	196	200	208	261
30-39	68	277	229	232	231	326
40-49	47	181	168	146	191	193
50-59	43	190	152	143	196	166
60-69	24	128	119	105	110	163
70-79	16	77	60	56	81	79
80-89	6	35	28	27	46	42
90+	3	3	7	7	10	10
Grand Total	317	1324	1129	1105	1266	1466

ECDS SNOMED Codes

ECDS_Group2	ECDS_Group3	ECDS_Description	ECDS_SearchTerms	SNOMED_Code
Maxillo facial	Dental abscess	Dental abscess	dental abscess toothache	299709002
Maxillo facial	Dental caries	Dental caries	dental caries toothache	80967001
Maxillo facial	Gingivitis / gingivostomatitis	Gingivitis / gingivostomatitis	gingivitis gum tooth	66383009
Maxillo facial	Temporomandibular joint disorder	Temporomandibular joint disorder	tmj temporomandibular joint	41888000
Maxillo facial	Salivary gland stone	Salivary gland stone	salivary gland stone parotid submandibular	80567007
Maxillo facial	Salivary gland abscess	Salivary gland abscess	salivary gland abscess parotid submandibular	80483009
Maxillo facial	Mouth ulcer	Mouth ulcer	mouth ulcer aphthous	26284000
Dental injury	Fracture of tooth (simple)	Fracture of tooth (simple)	simple tooth fracture	42744004
Dental injury	Fracture of tooth (complex)	Fracture of tooth (complex)	complicated tooth fracture	58411009
Dental injury	Loose tooth / teeth	Loose tooth / teeth	luxation of tooth loose teeth ligament	109678002
Dental injury	Tooth / teeth removed from socket	Tooth / teeth removed from socket	avulsion of tooth teeth removed out	109671008