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## **Freedom of Information Act 2000 – Request for Information**

Thank you for your request for information received on 6<sup>th</sup> January 2020 in relation to the County Durham and Darlington NHS Foundation Trust (Trust). We are dealing with your request under the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

You requested information regarding dental problems in A & E. Specifically you requested information as follows:

***Please can I request the following information under the Freedom of Information Act:***

***1) In the financial year 2018-19, 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?***

***Of these:***

***a) Of the patients presenting with dental health problems, how many received treatment at the hospital during that visit?***

***b) 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.***

***c) 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+***

***d) Of the patients presenting with dental health problems, how many were not registered with an NHS dentist?***

**2) Can we please get the figures above, but for the following financial years (separately):**

**2014-15**

**2015-16**

**2016-17**

**2017-18**

**2019-20 to Jan 1st 2020.**

***If the above request cannot be accommodated within cost limits, please can you provide me with advice and assistance on how I may refine my request.***

**County Durham and Darlington NHS Foundation Trust replies:**

Prior to the introduction of the ECDS in October 2017 the coding structure within the ED department did not have a specific code to pick this up. Although we could ascertain Facio-maxillary conditions, there wasn't a sub-code that would identify Dental health issues specifically.

From October 2017, the ECDS has diagnosis codes in SNOMED that allows us to look for the below:

<b>ECDS_Group2</b>	<b>SNOMED_Code</b>	<b>ECDS_Description</b>
Dental injury	42744004	Fracture of tooth (simple)
Dental injury	58411009	Fracture of tooth (complex)
Dental injury	109678002	Loose tooth / teeth
Dental injury	109671008	Tooth / teeth removed from socket

Acknowledging 2017 is only part year from October, the split we can provide is attached.

*d) Of the patients presenting with dental health problems, how many were not registered with an NHS dentist?*

Answer - We are unable to identify how many were not registered with an NHS dentist.

In line with the Information Commissioner's directive on the disclosure of information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 your request will form part of our disclosure log. Therefore, a version of our response which will protect your anonymity will be posted on the County Durham and Darlington NHS Foundation Trust website.

If you have any queries or wish to discuss the information supplied, please do not hesitate to contact me on the above telephone number or at the above address.

If you are unhappy with the way your request for information has been handled, you can request a review by writing to:

The Chief Executive  
County Durham & Darlington NHS Foundation Trust  
Darlington Memorial Hospital  
Hollyhurst Road  
Darlington  
DL3 6HX

If, you remain dissatisfied with the handling of your request or complaint, you have a right to appeal to the Information Commissioner at:

The Information Commissioner's Office  
Wycliffe House  
Water Lane  
Wilmslow  
Cheshire  
SK9 5AF

Telephone: 0303 123 1113  
Website: [www.ico.gov.uk](http://www.ico.gov.uk).

There is no charge for making an appeal.

Yours sincerely

**Joanna Tyrrell**  
Freedom of Information Officer