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Subject: Dental patients in A&Es, fourth quarter of 19/20

REQUEST & RESPONSE

1) In the period January 1 to March 31, 2020, how many times did patients present at your A&E departments, minor injuries units or walk-in centres with dental health problems? (Please can you state which type(s) of services your response includes) If you have any specialist facilities for dental treatment, please exclude these.

A&E Attendances

Jan to Mar 2020	47
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Of these:

2) Can the numbers please be broken down by type of problem e.g. toothache, abscess/infection, loss of teeth, broken or loose teeth, gum disease/bleeding from the mouth, decay.

	2019/20
Bell palsy	*<5
Boil / abscess	*<5
Dental abscess	22
Dental caries	*<5
	*<5
No abnormality detected	
Referred to GP / urgent care	*<5
Request of medical certificate	*<5
Tooth/ teeth removed from socket	*<5
Upper respiratory tract infection	*<5
Vasovagal syncope	*<5
Ingestion of corrosive acid / alkali	*<5
Disorder of facial (VII) nerve	*<5
NSAID overdose	*<5
Congestive cardiac failure	*<5
Food poisoning [ND]	*<5
Wound : lac / incised / bite : lip	*<5

3) 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+

	Jan to Mar 2020
0-9	*<5
10-19	*<5
20-29	15
30-39	12
40-49	*<5
50-59	6
60-69	*<5
70-79	*<5
80-89	*<5
90+	*<5

*** Please note:** We are unable to provide precise figures when those figures refer to individuals in volumes of 5 or less due to the risk that individuals will be re-identified, as we are required to protect their identity under the General Data Protection Regulations & Data Protection Act 2018. In such circumstances sections 40(2) and (3) of the Freedom of Information Act apply. In this case, our view is that disclosure would breach the first data protection principle. This states that personal data should be processed “lawfully, fairly and in a transparent manner”. It is the lawful aspect of this principle which, in our view, would be breached by disclosure. In such circumstances section 40 confers an absolute exemption on disclosure.