

20 September 2023

## Oral Cancer referrals since January 2017

The number of oral cancer referrals received by hospitals in your Trust between January 2017 and the most recent completed month that is available (most likely July or August 2023). I also request this data be presented as monthly figures.

Please see the table below giving the number of referrals received in Belfast Trust for suspect oral cancer.

BHSCT - Number of oral cancer referrals by month												
Year	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
2017	23	22	33	24	23	22	22	30	25	20	22	22
2018	28	34	31	29	36	32	18	26	24	33	39	20
2019	46	27	41	32	38	28	36	30	26	39	40	29
2020	35	27	20	7	18	23	27	37	21	30	39	25
2021	28	30	30	39	24	35	38	42	25	35	41	27
2022	43	23	35	24	32	38	24	34	34	54	41	31
2023	47	44	26	25	42	45	28	28				

**Please Note:** This is the number of referrals for patients who are suspected of having oral cancer not the number of patients who had confirmed cancer.