Belfast Health and Social Care Trust
caring supporting improving together

FOI/38422

20 October 2026

How many patients presented at A&E Departments (to include major A&E departments, minor injuries units and walk-in centres) with dental health problems

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?

Fiscal Year	Attendances
2019-2020	277
2020-2021	438
2021-2022	508
2022-2023	494
2023-2024	567
2024-2025	659
2025-2026	756

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

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.

Fiscal Year	Attendances
2019-2020	251
2020-2021	390
2021-2022	421
2022-2023	443
2023-2024	525
2024-2025	640
2025-2026	732

20 October 2026

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.

Where possible please categorise this breakdown into the standardised diagnoses list of 'Hospital Admitted Patient Care Activity', specifically related to K0-K14 for dental health problems (https://digital.nhs.uk/data-and-information/publications/statistical/hospital-admitted-patient-care-activity) which are specified as such:

A. Disorders of tooth development and eruption
B. Embedded and impacted teeth
C. Dental caries
D. Other diseases of hard tissues of teeth
E. Diseases of pulp and periapical tissues
F. Gingivitis and periodontal diseases
G. Other disorders of gingiva and edentulous alveolar ridge
H. Dentofacial anomalies [including malocclusion]
I. Other disorders of teeth and supporting structures
J. Cysts of oral region, not elsewhere classified
K. Other diseases of jaws
L. Diseases of salivary glands
M. Stomatitis and related lesions
N. Other diseases of lip and oral mucosa
O. Diseases of tongue.

20 October 2026

Categories available -

Dental issue	Attendances
Dental abscess	2089
Dental caries	428
Toothache	201
Herpes Stomatitis	108
Gingivitis / gingivostomatitis	95
Loose tooth / teeth	47
Dental infection	45
Gingivitis	39
Tooth/ teeth removed from socket	35
Salivary gland stone	34
Fracture of tooth (simple)	33
Infection of tooth	27
Complete dislocation of tooth	26
Bleeding gums	19
tooth injury	13
Extrusive luxation of tooth	11
Open fracture of tooth	9
Broken tooth without complication	9
Periodontal abscess	9
Fractured teeth	9
Embedded tooth	8
Abscess of salivary gland	8
Injury of dental structures	8
Dental trauma	7
Superficial injury of gum	7
Broken tooth with complication	7
broken tooth	7
advised to attend dentist	7
Laceration of gingivae	6
Tooth problem	6
Open wound of gum	6
Uncomplicated tooth crown fracture	6
Postoperative dental wound haemorrhage	5
Dental Decay	5
Other Dental Issues	320

20 October 2026

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

Age Group	Attendances
0-9	838
10-19.	395
20-29	823
30-39	659
40-49	432
50-59	283
60-69	153
70-79	70
80-89	38
90-99	8