

## Dental Distress

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Further to your Freedom of Information Act request, please find the Trust's response(s) below:

Please be aware that the Royal Devon University Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust (Royal Devon) has existed since 1<sup>st</sup> April 2022 following the integration of the Northern Devon Healthcare NHS Trust (known as Northern Services) and the Royal Devon and Exeter NHS Foundation Trust (known as Eastern Services).

*I am writing to you under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 to request the following information:*

1. *The number of patients admitted to hospital with Dental Distress (Toothache, Dental caries, Dental abscess, Dental abscess with sinus) every month between 01/01/2023 and 31/07/2023.*
2. *The number of patients admitted to hospital with tooth decay every month between 01/01/2023 and 31/07/2023.*
3. *The total number of patients admitted to hospital every month between 01/01/2023 and 31/07/2023.*
4. *The number of patients admitted to hospital with severe dental distress every month between 01/01/2019 and 31/07/2019.*
5. *The number of patients admitted to hospital with tooth decay every month between 01/01/2019 and 31/07/2019.*
6. *The total number of patients admitted to hospital every month between 01/01/2019 and 31/07/2019.*

Answer: Please see table below.

	<i>Jan</i>	<i>Feb</i>	<i>Mar</i>	<i>Apr</i>	<i>May</i>	<i>Jun</i>	<i>Jul</i>
<i>1. The number of patients admitted to hospital with severe dental distress every month between 01/01/2023 and 31/07/2023.</i>	76	85	118	79	75	63	14
<i>2. The number of patients admitted to hospital with tooth decay every month between 01/01/2023 and 31/07/2023.</i>	61	72	93	60	54	46	10

<i>3. The total number of patients admitted to hospital every month between 01/01/2023 and 31/07/2023.</i>	21,369	19,997	22,755	20,332	22,556	22,450	22,242
<i>4. The number of patients admitted to hospital with severe dental distress every month between 01/01/2019 and 31/07/2019.</i>	59	54	71	46	46	53	38
<i>5. The number of patients admitted to hospital with tooth decay every month between 01/01/2019 and 31/07/2019.</i>	50	51	70	39	29	37	28
<i>6. The total number of patients admitted to hospital every month between 01/01/2019 and 31/07/2019.</i>	16,919	15,024	16,411	16,125	16,809	15,795	17,244

Please note that inpatient data is not yet fully coded for July and these are the figures as of 24/08/23. The July 2023 data for questions 1 and 2 is therefore not comparable to the 2019 data.