NHS Dental Statistics, England: 2017-18

Patients Seen
by an NHS dentist up to 30 June 2018

22.0 million
50.7% of adults saw an NHS dentist in the 24 months to 30 June 2018. 98,445 fewer than the 24 month period to June 2017.

6.9 million
58.6% of children saw an NHS dentist in the 12 months to 30 June 2018. 58.2% of children were seen in the 12 months to June 2017.

56.1% of adults in the North of England saw an NHS dentist in the 24-month reporting period, the highest of any region. London had the lowest proportion of adults seen with 44.3%.

63.4% of children in the North of England saw an NHS dentist in the 12 months to 30 June 2018, the highest of any region. The lowest was London with 49.8%.

The full dataset for 2017-18 dataset see the main publication page here.
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#### Activity

39.2 million CoT were delivered in 2017-18. 711,580 (1.8%) less than 2016-17. 58.2% of these were for Band 1 treatments.

11.4 million CoT were delivered to children in 2017-18. 72.0% of these were Band 1 treatments, indicating children are more likely to receive a general check up than correctional treatments.

CoT delivered in 2017-18 equated to 83.2 million Units of Dental Activity, 2.5 million fewer than the previous year.

4.2 million Units of Orthodontic Activity were carried out in 2017-18, 0.3% (12,534) more than 2016-17.

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Paying adults account for more than half of all CoT (53.5%) followed by children (29.1%) and non-paying adults (17.4%).

For details of treatments that fall under each band see the Guide to NHS Dental Publications available here.
**Clinical Treatments**

- **Scale and Polish** is the most frequent adult treatment **12.7 million CoT**, 45.7% of all treatments.
- **1.0 million** Scale and Polish CoTs were delivered to children in 2017-18, the third most common treatment.

- **Fluoride varnish** was the most common children’s treatment, with **5.5 million CoT** delivered. This represents a 17.4% increase (814,535) from 2016-17.

- **Fissure sealants CoT** for adults **increased by 3.0%** since 2016-17 to 44,688. Fissure sealant treatments delivered to children have increased by 15.7% to 213,658.

**Workforce**

- 24,308 dentists performed NHS activity during 2017-18, an **increase** of 301 (1.3%) on 2016-17.

- 84.4% of dentists performed under the **General Dental Services contract**.

- 36.5% of dentists (8,865) are aged **under 35**.

- 59.0% of these are female and 41% male.