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Dear

## FREEDOM OF INFORMATION – PUBLIC DENTAL SERVICE

I write in response to your request for information in relation to public dental services.

Question:

- For the last three years, where data is available, please could you confirm the following: The total amount spent by the board on providing a public dental service, broken down by year.

Answer:

Year	Amount Spend
2024/25	£7.9m (YTD)
2023/24	£8.9m
2022/23	£9.3m

Question:

- The number of full-time equivalent dentists employed by the health board to provide PDS, broken down by year.

Answer:

Year	Full-time equivalent dentists
2024/25	33.38wte (YTD)
2023/24	34.53wte
2022/23	36.58wte

Please note, the above varies depending on vacancies (maternity leave etc).

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Chair Professor John Connaghan CBE  
Chief Executive Professor Caroline Hiscox  
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Question:

- The number of procedures carried out by the PDS, broken down by year, if known.

Answer:

The number of procedures are not captured as treatment plans vary and more than one treatment option may be completed in an appointment. We can provide the number of appointments provided by the PDS.

Year	No of Appointments
2025	8,040 (YTD)
2024	39,083
2023	39,196
2022	38,548

Question:

- The number of patients treated by the PDS, broken down by year, if known.

Answer:

The above data will show how many appointments were created per year within PDS. It is not possible to show how many patients were seen each year.

Question:

- Details of the locations where PDS services are currently provided.

Answer:

Address/Location of PDS Sites		
Howden Health Centre Howden West Livingston, EH54 6TP	Braidburn School 107 Oxfangs Rd North Edinburgh EH14 1ED	Bonnyrigg Dental Clinic 35-37 High Street Bonnyrigg EH19 2DA
St. John's Hospital Howden Road West Edinburgh, EH54 6PP	Duncan Street Dental Centre 16 Duncan Street Edinburgh EH9 1SR	Saltergate School Coulsland Road Dalkeith EH22 2PS
HMP Addiewell 9 Station Road, Addiewell West Lothian, EH55 8QA	Leith Community Treatment Centre Junction Place Edinburgh EH6 5JQ	East Lothian Community Hospital Hospital Road Haddington East Lothian EH41 3PF
HMP Edinburgh 33 Stenhouse Road Edinburgh EH11 3LN	Royal Edinburgh Hospital 151 Morningside Place Edinburgh, EH10 5HF	Musselburgh Primary Care Centre Inveresk Road, Musselburgh East Lothian, EH21 7BP

Sighthill Health Centre 380 Calder Road Edinburgh, EH11 4AU	Chalmers Dental Centre 3 Chalmers Street Edinburgh EH3 9EW	Sick Children & Younger People 50 Little France Crescent, Edinburgh
Wester Hailes Healthy Living Centre 30 Harvesters Way Edinburgh, EH14 3JF	Spittal Street Centre 22/24 Spittal Street Edinburgh, EH3 9DU	Oaklands School 750 Ferry Rd Edinburgh EH4 4PQ
Pennywell All Care Centre 1d Pennywell Gardens Edinburgh EH4 4UA	Wester General Hospital Outpatient Building, Crewe Road Edinburgh, EH4 2XU	Royal Infirmary of Edinburgh Little France Edinburgh, EH16 4SU

## Question:

- The number of referrals and waiting list size, broken down by year, if known.

## Answer:

Time Period	PDS Paediatric Wait List	PDS Special Care Wait List
Current Wait List	1,223	640
April 24 – Feb 25	2,503	2,510
April 23 – March 24	2,836	2,526

I hope the information provided helps with your request.

If you are unhappy with our response to your request, you do have the right to request us to review it. Your request should be made within 40 working days of receipt of this letter, and we will reply within 20 working days of receipt. If our decision is unchanged following a review and you remain dissatisfied with this, you then have the right to make a formal complaint to the Scottish Information Commissioner within 6 months of receipt of our review response. You can do this by using the Scottish Information Commissioner's Office online appeals service at [www.itspublicknowledge.info/Appeal](http://www.itspublicknowledge.info/Appeal). If you remain dissatisfied with the Commissioner's response you then have the option to appeal to the Court of Session on a point of law.

If you require a review of our decision to be carried out, please write to the FOI Reviewer at the email address at the head of this letter. The review will be undertaken by a Reviewer who was not involved in the original decision-making process.



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Yours sincerely

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