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Dear

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION – TOOTH EXTRACTION

I write in response to your request for information in relation to tooth extraction.

Question:

1. The longest length in time in weeks that adults have had to wait for a tooth extraction in
a) 2024/25 and b) 2025/26.
2. The average length in time in weeks that adults have had to wait for a tooth extraction in
a) 2024/25 and b) 2025/26.
3. The longest length in time in weeks that children under 18 have had to wait for a tooth extraction in
a) 2024/25 and b) 2025/26.
4. The average length in time in weeks that children under 18 have had to wait for a tooth extraction in
a) 2024/25 and b) 2025/26.

Answer:

Please see enclosed spreadsheet.

To protect the identity of the individuals involved any figure of 5 or less has not been shown in the table above. Since we do not have their consent to release this data from their records, the information is exempt under section 38(1)(b) of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act i.e. to provide it would breach the Data Protection Act (2018).

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. 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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Financial Year	SPECIALTY	Type	PRIORITY	LOCAL_PROCEDURE	Distinct Patients	Average Wait (weeks)	90th Pct Wait (weeks)
2024/25	Maxillofacial Surgery	Adult	Routine	Extraction of retained root of tooth WL	5<	77.3	77.3
2024/25	Maxillofacial Surgery	Adult	Routine	Full Dental Clearance WL	5<	78.3	82.2
2024/25	Maxillofacial Surgery	Adult	Routine	Other Oral Surgery	15	90.5	101.6
2024/25	Maxillofacial Surgery	Adult	Routine	Simple Extraction Of Tooth/ Teeth	24	96.8	109.2
2024/25	Maxillofacial Surgery	Adult	Routine	Surgical Removal Tooth/ Teeth	79	87	101.3
2024/25	Maxillofacial Surgery	Adult	Routine	Surgical removal of impacted tooth WL	5<	74.4	74.4
2024/25	Maxillofacial Surgery	Adult	Routine	Surgical removal of impacted wisdom tooth WL	5<	53.8	76.3
2024/25	Maxillofacial Surgery	Adult	Routine	Surgical removal of tooth WL	5<	106.1	106.1
2024/25	Maxillofacial Surgery	Adult	Urgent	Full Dental Clearance WL	5<	15	17.4
2024/25	Maxillofacial Surgery	Adult	Urgent	Other Oral Surgery	17	6.1	10.4
2024/25	Maxillofacial Surgery	Adult	Urgent	Simple Extraction Of Tooth/ Teeth	5<	45.1	75.3
2024/25	Maxillofacial Surgery	Adult	Urgent	Surgical Removal Tooth/ Teeth	27	20	52.6
2024/25	Maxillofacial Surgery	Adult	Urgent	Surgical removal of impacted tooth WL	5<	7.3	7.3
2024/25	Maxillofacial Surgery	Paediatric	Routine	Other Oral Surgery	5<	84.5	91.9
2024/25	Maxillofacial Surgery	Paediatric	Routine	Simple Extraction Of Tooth/ Teeth	5<	91.3	92.8
2024/25	Maxillofacial Surgery	Paediatric	Routine	Surgical Removal Tooth/ Teeth	9	89.1	100.8
2024/25	Maxillofacial Surgery	Paediatric	Urgent	Surgical Removal Tooth/ Teeth	5<	8.3	8.3
2024/25	Oral Surgery - Dentistry	Adult	Routine	Dental Surgery (Minor)	70	50.9	83.6
2024/25	Oral Surgery - Dentistry	Adult	Urgent	Dental Surgery (Minor)	9	7.8	11
2024/25	Oral Surgery - Dentistry	Paediatric	Routine	Dental Surgery (Minor)	5<	42.5	56.9
2024/25	Oral Surgery - Dentistry	Paediatric	Urgent	Dental Surgery (Minor)	5<	6.7	6.7
2024/25	Paediatric Dentistry	Paediatric	Routine	Dental Surgery (Minor)	5<	57.1	57.1
2024/25	Paediatric Dentistry	Paediatric	Routine	Paediatric Dental Surgery (Inter)	5<	11.3	11.3
2024/25	Paediatric Dentistry	Paediatric	Routine	Paediatric Dental Surgery (Minor)	431	45.8	75.2
2024/25	Paediatric Dentistry	Paediatric	Urgent	Paediatric Dental Surgery (Minor)	133	7.1	14.8
2024/25	Special Care Dentistry	Adult	Routine	Dental Surgery (Minor)	21	31.1	53.5
2024/25	Special Care Dentistry	Adult	Urgent	Dental Surgery (Minor)	11	8.5	27.3
2025/26	Maxillofacial Surgery	Adult	Routine	Coronectomy WL	5<	67.3	67.3
2025/26	Maxillofacial Surgery	Adult	Routine	Extraction of Multiple Teeth	5<	97.1	98.7
2025/26	Maxillofacial Surgery	Adult	Routine	Extraction of retained root of tooth WL	5<	99.3	100.9
2025/26	Maxillofacial Surgery	Adult	Routine	Full Dental Clearance WL	5<	77.4	89.4
2025/26	Maxillofacial Surgery	Adult	Routine	Other Oral Surgery	11	61.6	84.4
2025/26	Maxillofacial Surgery	Adult	Routine	Other specified simple extraction of tooth WL	10	91.5	101.1
2025/26	Maxillofacial Surgery	Adult	Routine	Simple Extraction Of Tooth/ Teeth	12	87.3	103.7
2025/26	Maxillofacial Surgery	Adult	Routine	Simple Extraction of Tooth	5<	94.4	95
2025/26	Maxillofacial Surgery	Adult	Routine	Surgical Removal Tooth/ Teeth	59	64.2	86.1
2025/26	Maxillofacial Surgery	Adult	Routine	Surgical removal of impacted tooth WL	5<	77.4	92.1
2025/26	Maxillofacial Surgery	Adult	Routine	Surgical removal of impacted wisdom tooth WL	118	68	101.2
2025/26	Maxillofacial Surgery	Adult	Routine	Surgical removal of tooth WL	5<	93	93
2025/26	Maxillofacial Surgery	Adult	Routine	Unspecified simple extraction of tooth WL	5<	76.4	95.8
2025/26	Maxillofacial Surgery	Adult	Routine	Upper Dental Clearance WL	5<	30.6	30.6
2025/26	Maxillofacial Surgery	Adult	Urgent	Extraction Of Multiple Teeth Nec	5<	6.4	6.4
2025/26	Maxillofacial Surgery	Adult	Urgent	Extraction of retained root of tooth WL	5<	5.3	5.3
2025/26	Maxillofacial Surgery	Adult	Urgent	Full Dental Clearance WL	5<	23.6	45.8
2025/26	Maxillofacial Surgery	Adult	Urgent	Other Oral Surgery	5<	131.7	131.7
2025/26	Maxillofacial Surgery	Adult	Urgent	Other specified simple extraction of tooth WL	5<	0.9	0.9
2025/26	Maxillofacial Surgery	Adult	Urgent	Simple Extraction Of Tooth/ Teeth	5<	31.2	60
2025/26	Maxillofacial Surgery	Adult	Urgent	Surgery to Tongue / Palate	5<	11.9	11.9
2025/26	Maxillofacial Surgery	Adult	Urgent	Surgery/ Injection To T M J	5<	6.2	8.2
2025/26	Maxillofacial Surgery	Adult	Urgent	Surgical Removal Tooth/ Teeth	9	18.5	47.3
2025/26	Maxillofacial Surgery	Adult	Urgent	Surgical removal of impacted tooth WL	5<	39.9	39.9
2025/26	Maxillofacial Surgery	Adult	Urgent	Surgical removal of impacted wisdom tooth WL	21	10	18
2025/26	Maxillofacial Surgery	Paediatric	Routine	Other Oral Surgery	5<	39.1	49
2025/26	Maxillofacial Surgery	Paediatric	Routine	Other specified simple extraction of tooth WL	5<	21.5	29.3
2025/26	Maxillofacial Surgery	Paediatric	Routine	Simple Extraction Of Tooth/ Teeth	5<	36.1	71.7
2025/26	Maxillofacial Surgery	Paediatric	Routine	Surgical Removal Tooth/ Teeth	7	38.5	60.2
2025/26	Maxillofacial Surgery	Paediatric	Routine	Surgical removal of impacted wisdom tooth WL	5<	56.4	56.4
2025/26	Maxillofacial Surgery	Paediatric	Urgent	Other Oral Surgery	5<	13	13
2025/26	Maxillofacial Surgery	Paediatric	Urgent	Other specified simple extraction of tooth WL	5<	8.1	8.5
2025/26	Maxillofacial Surgery	Paediatric	Urgent	Simple Extraction Of Tooth/ Teeth	5<	11	11
2025/26	Oral Surgery - Dentistry	Adult	Routine	Dental Surgery (Minor)	86	32.8	59.2
2025/26	Oral Surgery - Dentistry	Adult	Urgent	Dental Surgery (Minor)	8	8.6	11
2025/26	Oral Surgery - Dentistry	Paediatric	Routine	Dental Surgery (Minor)	14	31.4	55.6
2025/26	Oral Surgery - Dentistry	Paediatric	Urgent	Dental Surgery (Minor)	5<	10.4	13.7
2025/26	Paediatric Dentistry	Paediatric	Routine	Paediatric Dental Surgery (Inter)	5<	49.4	49.4
2025/26	Paediatric Dentistry	Paediatric	Routine	Paediatric Dental Surgery (Minor)	644	41.5	73.9
2025/26	Paediatric Dentistry	Paediatric	Urgent	Paediatric Dental Surgery (Minor)	141	6.7	13.4
2025/26	Special Care Dentistry	Adult	Routine	Dental Surgery (Minor)	9	48.8	74
2025/26	Special Care Dentistry	Adult	Urgent	Dental Surgery (Minor)	5<	2.7	5.5