

# Publication Summary

## Dental Statistics – NHS Treatment and Fees

Statistics up to financial year 2013/14

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### About this Release

This publication provides statistics on NHS General Dental Service treatment and fees from 1999/2000 to 2013/14.

### Key Points

#### Treatment

##### Children

- In 2013/14, the number of claimable courses of treatment given to children was around 520,000 which was similar to last year.
- Around a third (28%) of the claimable dental treatments provided to children were given under Childsmile. These include advice given on toothbrushing and diet.

##### Adults

- Since 2007/08 the number of courses of treatment given to adults has risen sharply, year on year, to 3.9 million in 2013/14, the highest figure reported. This may be due to increasing numbers of patients participating in GDS.
- Around a third (27%) of the treatments claimed for adults were for examinations or report.

#### Fees

##### National Fees

###### Actual fees

- In 2013/14, £275 million was paid in GDS fees in Scotland, an increase of £4.9 million (2%) since 2012/13.
- GDS fees have increased each year since 2003/04, although the rate of increase has slowed in recent years.

###### Fees adjusted for inflation

- When adjusted for inflation, GDS fees increased each year from 2004/05 until 2010/11, and have since stabilised.

#### Cost per head – Children

###### Actual fees

- In 2013/14, the cost per head of child population was £66, similar to 2012/13.
- In 2013/14, the cost per registered child was £72, a decrease of £2 (3%) since 2012/13.
- During 2013/14, the cost per head of child population ranged from £45 in Western Isles to £81 in Greater Glasgow & Clyde.
- The cost per registered child ranged from £49 in Shetland to £80 in Borders.

### Fees adjusted for inflation

- When adjusted for inflation, the cost per head of child population increased between 1999/2000 and 2011/12, subsequently showing a slight overall decline.
- When adjusted for inflation, the cost per registered child increased overall from 1999/2000, peaking in 2006/07, and has since shown an overall steep decline, in part due to rising child registration rates.

## Cost per head – Adults

### Actual fees

- In 2013/14, the cost per head of adult population was £47, similar to 2012/13.
- The cost per registered adult was £57, the lowest reported rate.
- During 2013/14, the cost per head of adult population ranged from £25 in Orkney to £61 in Greater Glasgow & Clyde.
- The cost per registered adult ranged from £33 in Shetland to £61 in Borders.

### Fees adjusted for inflation

- After adjustment for inflation, the cost per head of adult population has increased steadily since 2005/06 to its highest rate in 2012/13, where it has now stabilised.
- After adjustment for inflation, the cost per registered adult has decreased sharply since 2006/07, in part due to rising adult registration rates.

## Background

### Treatment

NHS dentists can provide a wide range of treatments to their patients, from a simple examination to complex surgical treatment. The [Statement of Dental Remuneration \(SDR\)](#) lists all the items of service (IOS) (i.e. treatments) which dentists can provide and claim payment for.

### Fees

Dentists are paid fees both for each patient they have registered with them and for the treatments they provide. For the purposes of this publication:

$$\text{Fees received by dentist} = \text{SDR IOS earnings} + \text{capitation} + \text{continuing care payments}$$

## Additions to August 2014 report

The following have been updated since the 2013 Fees and Treatment report:

- Data for adults and children has been separated out. This is particularly important when discussing treatments because they are not comparable due to the differences in what can and cannot be claimed.
- Inflation-adjusted costs have been added, as well as the actual costs.
- Trends for the analyses have been extended back to 1999/2000.
- Both the cost per head of population and the costs per registered patient have been included.
- To aid the reader, and make the messages clearer, there have been further additions such as the 5 most common treatments.

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