About this Release
This release provides information on NHS GDS courses of treatment and fees paid to dentists for treatment provided to children and adults up to financial year ending 31st March 2011.

Key Points

NHS GDS Fees
• The average expenditure per head of adult population within NHS GDS increased by £1, from £43 in 2010 to £44 in 2011. The average expenditure per head of child population was unchanged at £62.
• The total spend on NHS GDS child and adult item of service fees and registrations for year ending 31st March 2011 was approximately £249 million, an increase of approx 3% from year ending 31st March 2010.

NHS GDS Courses of Treatment
• The number of examinations (clinical, extensive clinical, full case assessment and treatment summary) carried out by NHS GDS dentists in year ending 31st March 2011 was approximately 2.53 million, an increase of 114,872 (4.7%) from year ending 31st March 2010.
• The number of tooth extractions carried out by NHS GDS dentists increased by 2.4% from 518,685 in year ending 31st March 2010 to 531,055 in year ending 31st March 2011.
• There were increases in the number of root fillings (6%), crowns (4%) and fillings (3%) provided in year ending 31st March 2011 compared to the previous financial year.
Background

The total spend on child and adult dental care is calculated by adding together the item of service fees and registration payments paid to NHS GDS dentists. Average fees are calculated by dividing the NHS GDS IOS fees and registration payments by the respective child and adult populations.

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