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Subject: A&E Tooth Decay Admissions

REQUEST

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RESPONSE

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St.Helens and Knowsley response.

The ED Clinical system in use at Whiston ED, does not have a presenting complaint of Tooth Decay, it is recorded under the generic presentation of Dental Problem plus any additional complaint described by the Patient i.e. Mouth pain, facial swelling Temperature, Abscess etc.

I have therefore looked at the Clinical coding of each to pull out anything specific to Tooth decay and the nearest we have is coding of Carries (Cavities/Holes, areas of decay in the tooth) Findings are below:

	Total Number Patients presenting with Dental Problems	Total of these that have been clinically coded as Carries (Cavities)	Of which total number aged between 5 and 17 years	Of Which Total number aged over 17 years

2021/22	30	3	3	0
2022/23	20	2	2	0
2023/24	17	2	2	0

Southport and Ormskirk response

Arrivals	Age Group				
Report Year	05 - 17	17+	Other	Grand Total	
2021/22	9	63	3	75	
2022/23	12	41	2	55	
2023/24	11	47	4	62	
Grand Total	32	151	9	192	

We do not have a code of tooth decay, but 34 patients who attended A&E have a primary diagnosis of Dental caries:

Arrivals	Age Group 5-17	17+	Other	Grand total
2021/22	2	12	0	14
2022/23	3	8	0	11
2023/24	2	7	0	9
Total	7	27	0	