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Subject: A&E Attendances (Dental)

REQUEST

1. For the years 2015 – present (or, if data is not available to 2015, to the earliest available year before that year), I would like to know:
 - a. Broken down by year, how many patients attended A&E with an emergency related to dental care in each year.

Clarification:

I don't know exactly how you'd record things, but I'd be looking for diagnoses of dental abscesses, tooth decay, presenting complaints of tooth / mouth pain / severe tooth ache.

RESPONSE

St Helens and Knowsley Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust and Southport and Ormskirk Hospital NHS Trust became a single legal entity known as Mersey and West Lancashire Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust on 1st July 2023, as such parts of the response may be provided in two sections relating to the hospital sites of each of the legacy organisations.

St Helens and Knowsley:

Year	No. Patients Attending with Dental Problems
2015	1409
2016	1386
2017	1342
2018	1522
2019	1761
2020	1749
2021	1986
2022	1882
2023	1845
2024	122

Southport and Ormskirk:

Year	No. Patients Attending with Dental Problems
2015	155
2016	115
2017	118
2018	123
2019	167
2020	164
2021	225
2022	201
2023	208
2024	13