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Subject: Teeth, gum related illnesses/injuries

## REQUEST

I would like to make the following request under the Freedom of Information Act.

Could you tell me the number of people who were admitted to hospital with teeth, gum and other mouth related illnesses/injuries in the years:

- 2022 (to the nearest date to present)
- 2021
- 2020
- 2019
- 2018

Could you please break the information down by year and type of injury?

## RESPONSE

### For Exec Sign Off

Based on clinical coding, the information team can only provide a breakdown for patients admitted to hospital with either

- Abscess
- Broken teeth

To indicate that this is the patient's purpose of admission, the data has been extracted based on their primary diagnosis.

In a response to a query, the requester confirmed that they wanted injuries from DIY dentistry operations, eg abscesses lanced with needles sterilised in the kitchen over the gas hob, but this level of detail is not available from clinical coding. A patient list has been provided in case an audit by the Care Group is required to confirm this.

From 01/01/2018 – 31/05/2022.

<b>Year</b>	<b>Abscess</b>	<b>Broken tooth</b>
2018	19	<5
2019	23	<5
2020	32	<5
2021	38	<5
2022	17	<5

Please note <5 has been added where the number of patients is 5 or less, this information has been redacted to protect patient confidentiality and to ensure that patients cannot be identified.