

Reference: FOI.ICB-2425/056

Subject: NHS Dentist

*I can confirm that the ICB **does hold some of the information requested**; please see responses below:*

QUESTION	RESPONSE
I am writing to request information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000. I would like to receive the following information about the services provided by the Bristol, North Somerset and South Gloucestershire ICS. 1. The number of people on waiting lists to register for an NHS dentist in the ICS. 2. The current average waiting times for patients on the waiting list to register for an NHS dentist in the ICS. 3. The above information; but specified for under 18s. 4. Any targets set by the ICS for maximum waiting times to register for an NHS dentist. 5. The steps being taken by the ICS – if relevant – to manage and reduce waiting list times to access NHS dentistry,	1-4 - Although waiting lists may be held by practices locally this is not a requirement of the contract and the commissioning body does not hold information relating to a practices waiting list / times 5 - The ICB has developed a draft strategy which has key aims to improve oral health, access to dentistry and workforce retention and development. The link to this can be found here: https://bnssghealthiertogether.org.uk/get-involved/improving-oral-health-and-dental-provision-across-bnssg/

The information provided in this response is accurate as of 12 June 2024 and has been approved for release by Jenny Bowker, Deputy Director of Performance and Delivery – Primary Care and Children’s Services for NHS Bristol, North Somerset and South Gloucestershire ICB.