

Dear

ATISN 26938 – NHS Dental Access

Thank you for your request to Welsh Government for information under the Freedom of Information Act (2000) received on 04 May April 2026 relating to access to NHS dental services and health inequalities in Wales.

You requested the following information to be provided:

1. Internal analysis of NHS dental provision trends

Any internal analytical papers, briefings, or reports produced by Welsh Government between January 2015 and the most recent available recorded information (preferably up to December 2024) examining trends in NHS dental service provision, access, or workforce in Wales, including any analysis of service contraction or unmet need.

2. Deprivation and access analysis

Any internal analysis or datasets held by Welsh Government linking NHS dental service provision or patient access to geographic deprivation, including any work referencing the Welsh Index of Multiple Deprivation or identifying communities with disproportionately poor access to NHS dental care.

Response

Whilst Welsh Government holds some information matching your request, all annual statistical reports, along with oral health epidemiology reports are published and can be found searching on the following links: [NHS dental services | GOV.WALES](#) and [Welsh Oral Health Information Unit - Research - Cardiff University](#). Additional information in data table format can also be located on: [Dental services | StatsWales](#)

Next Steps

The request you sent me contains personal information about you - for example, your name and address. The Welsh Government will be the data processor for this information and, in accordance with the General Data Protection Regulation, it will be processed in order to fulfil our public task and meet our legal obligations under the Act to provide you with a response.

We will only use this personal information to deal with your request and any matters which arise as a result of it. We will keep your personal information and all other information relating to your request for three years from the date on which your request is finally closed. Your personal information will then be disposed of securely.

Under data protection legislation, you have the right:

- to be informed of the personal data we hold about you and to access it
- to require us to rectify inaccuracies in that data
- to (in certain circumstances) object to or restrict processing
- for (in certain circumstances) your data to be 'erased'
- to (in certain circumstances) data portability

- to lodge a complaint with the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO) who is our independent regulator for data protection

For further information about the information which the Welsh Government holds and its use, or if you wish to exercise your rights under the GDPR, please see contact details below:

Data Protection Officer
Welsh Government
Cathays Park
CARDIFF
CF10 3NQ
Email: DataProtectionOfficer@gov.wales

If you are dissatisfied with the Welsh Government's handling of your request, you can ask for an internal review within 40 working days of the date of this response. Requests for an internal review should be addressed to the Welsh Government's Freedom of Information Officer at:

Information Rights Unit,
Welsh Government,
Cathays Park,
Cardiff,
CF10 3NQ

or Email: Freedom.ofinformation@gov.wales

Please remember to quote the ATISN reference number above.

You also have the right to complain to the Information Commissioner. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at:

Information Commissioner's Office,
Wycliffe House,
Water Lane,
Wilmslow,
Cheshire,
SK9 5AF.

However, please note that the Commissioner will not normally investigate a complaint until it has been through our own internal review process

Yours sincerely,