

Recovery of NHS Dentistry Services

Please find below the responses from NHS Ayrshire and Arran.

Question 1

1. How much COVID-related funding did you receive from the Scottish Government to fund the following measures:

Ventilation improvements	£ 368,779.00
Equipment	
Variable speed drilling equipment	£ 553,168.00
Total	£ 921,947.00

Question 2

2. What was the uptake (percentage or number of practices; and amount paid out) of the above funding by General Dentist Service (GDS) dentists?

	No of Practices Uptake	Amount Paid Out
Ventilation improvements	74%	£ 169,606.11
Equipment	74%	£ 229,182.18
Variable speed drilling equipment	54%	£ 266,849.68
Total		£ 665,637.97

Question 3

3. How many practices in your health board area have withdrawn or reduced NHS provision for patients – for example, registering and treating only children:

	Number	Percentage	
No. and % withdrawn completely	1	2%	
No. and % reduced provision	3	5%	
No. and % of practices with restrictions	15	23%	Practice 1 - 1 Dentist only registering and treating Children under 18 Practice 2 - 1 Dentist only registering and treating Children under 18 Practice 3 - 1 Dentist only seeing Children under 18 Practice 4 - Practice only registering and treating Children under 18 Practice 5 - Practice only registering and treating Children under 18 Practice 6 - 1 Dentist only registering and treating Children under 18 9 Practices only registering children but are treating both adults and children.

Question 4

4. What impact, if any, has a reduction in NHS GDS provision had on the Public Dental Service?

The biggest pressure experienced and ongoing is treating unregistered patients in pain. Pre Covid local practices worked on a rotational basis covering emergency care for unregistered patients. Since the pandemic and for the foreseeable the PDS will continue to allocate time and resources to provide care for unregistered patients of AAHB. Between January 23 to March 433 patients have been treated as emergencies. Allocating emergency sessions reduces the number of appointments available for PDS patients.

Question 5

How many patients are registered with the PDS in your Health Board area? Has the number risen since 2020? If so by how much?

2020 - 10,019

2023 – 9,406

Question 6

What other funding do you receive to support dentistry in your Health Board area (for example, funding related to PDS, Childsmile and any initiatives to improve recovery of services and access to dentistry for your population)?

Childsmile	£501,903
Fairer Scotland	£120,000
Covid Recovery Funding for Childsmile	£113,700
Oral Health Improvement	£316,808
Public Dental Service Allcation	£2,119,000
	£3,171,411