

Family Practitioner Services Statistics for Northern Ireland 2025/26

General Dental Services



Workforce

- **351** dental practices & **1,180** dentists
- **61 dentists per 100,000** residents

Dental services cost

- The **gross cost** of dental services was **£134.4m**. **Patient contributions** (also included in the gross total) were **£22.2m**
- **Belfast LGD** accounts for **24%** of the **net cost** of dental services

Registrations

- **49%** of the population **registered** with a health service dentist in March 2026
- **67%** of children and **44%** of adults registered
- **Drop of 95,000 (9%)** since March 2025

Child Activity

- Approx. **100,000** children received **dental treatment** in excess of the basic treatments
- **213 per 1,000** registered children were treated for a filling, crown or extraction

Adult Activity

- **6% less adult patients** were seen for treatment than in 2024/25
- Approx. **823,000 adult treatment claims** paid, a **decrease of 5%** compared to 2024/25