

## General Dental Services Quarterly Series to Q3 2022/23 (2022/23 Figures Provisional)



**Dental Registrations** is the number of individual patients registered with health service dentists. Once registered with a dentist, the patient will remain on their dental list for 24 months unless they visit another dentist. If they do not attend during that 24 month period they will become deregistered.

**Dental Claims** A claim is defined as at least one SDR IOS being claimed by the dentist, and can cover a single appointment or multiple appointments. Claims are submitted for a number of reasons including treatments carried out, interim payments, registrations etc.

**Total Payment** made in relation to IoS Treatments = Children IoS Fees + Adult IoS Fees + FSS/RSS + PPE.

There were **1,327,391** patients registered with a practising health service dentist in Northern Ireland at December 2022



An increase of **0.9%** on the previous quarter



An increase of **3.8%** on the same quarter in 2021/22

A total of **320,585** claims were submitted to BSO and paid during October - December 2022, of which **79.2%** were for treatment claims.



Treatment claims up **7.8%** compared to the previous quarter



Up **32.3%** in treatment claims on the same quarter in 2021/22

Payment made in relation to IoS Treatments  
October - December 2022



Child and Adult IOS Fees paid up **32.8%** on the same quarter in 2021/22



FSS/RSS and PPE payments down **72.4%** on the same quarter in 2021/22

**Dental Treatments** The Statement of Dental Remuneration (SDR) lists all the items of service that dentists can provide and claim payment for. Payments are made for individual treatments provided within a course of treatment and are based on the payment year. This is not necessarily the year it was carried out.

There were **180,692** fillings paid for during quarter 3 of 2022/23:

↑ **5.5%** on the previous quarter

↑ **39.0%** on the same quarter in 2021/22

There were **37,604** extractions paid for during quarter 3 of 2022/23:

↑ **3.3%** on the previous quarter

↑ **11.6%** on the same quarter last year

**Dentists** must be registered on the Dental List to carry out health service treatment. Dentists can move around different practices to work and many work in multiple locations at the same time. It is for this reason that dentists are assigned to an area based on the amount of money they earn in each area they work.

There were **364** dental practices with **1,163** dentists registered to carry out health service treatments at the end of December 2022