

June 2011

Under the terms of the Freedom of Information Act I would like to request details relating to the provision of secondary care dental services.

In particular, I would like to request the following information:

1. *What was the Trust's NHS expenditure on (i) orthodontic treatment, (ii) oral surgery and (iii) total secondary care dentistry services in each of the last five years;*

Please find below the Trust's income and expenditure record for the past five years in respect of oral surgery and orthodontics, showing four year's actual and this year's budget details to date.

Figures in brackets are income or nett income	Income £'000	Pay £'000	Non Pay £'000	Nett £'000
Oral Surgery 2007-08	(2,202)	777	50	(1,375)
Oral Surgery 2008-09	(2,034)	772	54	(1,208)
Oral Surgery 2009-10	(1,945)	814	36	(1,095)
Oral Surgery 2010-11	(1,863)	853	66	(944)
Oral Surgery 2011-12	(1,592)	759	48	(785)
Orthodontics 2007-08	(830)	568	88	(174)
Orthodontics 2008-09	(857)	605	85	(167)
Orthodontics 2009-10	(931)	615	146	(170)
Orthodontics 2010-11	(1,396)	639	129	(628)
Orthodontics 2011-12	(573)	673	143	243

2. *If you will provide the full list of addresses of each facility providing NHS secondary care dentistry in your Trust area, in particular facilities providing orthodontic treatment and oral surgery;*

Southend University Hospital NHS Foundation Trust
Prittlewell Chase
Westcliff-on-Sea
Essex SS0 0RY

3. *What was the Trusts total NHS expenditure on prison dentistry in each of the last five years; and*

The activity related to prisoners is not separated, therefore we would have to manually search through all dental activity to try to identify prisoners or incarcerated asylum seekers. The costs of retrieving and collating that

information would exceed the appropriate limit of £450 set out under the Freedom of Information Act.

This cost limit has been specified in regulations and for an NHS Trust it is set at £450. This represents the estimated cost of one person spending 2½ working days in determining whether the Trust holds the information, and locating, retrieving and extracting the information. Under section 12 of the Freedom of Information Act the Trust not obliged to comply with your request and we will not be processing this element of your request further.

4. *If you will provide the full list of addresses of each facility providing prison dentistry services in your Trust area.*
Southend University Hospital NHS Foundation Trust - as detailed above.

If you have any further queries or concerns then please do not hesitate to contact us.

Further information about your rights is also available from the Information Commissioner at:

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Yours sincerely

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