NHS dentistry in West and North London ICB

Access, provision, treatment types, and children's oral health

West and North London ICB

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Across West and North London ICB, just under 4 in 10 adults and just over 5 in 10 children have access to NHS dentistry.

ADULT ACCESS [1]

35.2%

of adults in West and North London ICB saw an NHS dentist

1,029,870 of 2,922,320 · April 2024 to March 2026

London **36.9%** · England **40.0%**

CHILD ACCESS [1]

54.1%

of children in West and North London ICB saw an NHS dentist

383,461 of 708,953 · April 2025 to March 2026

London **51.5%** · England **60.0%**

NHS DENTAL PROVISION IN WEST AND NORTH LONDON ICB [2] as at August 2026

NHS PRACTICES
459
With a GDS contract

NHS DENTISTS
1,920
Active across the patch

CONTRACT VALUE
£197,088,792
Total commissioned

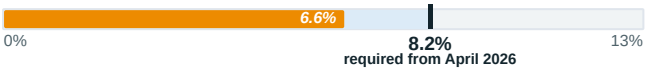
SPEND PER PERSON
£54.28
Per resident

NHS TREATMENT DELIVERED [1]

2,045,676 COURSES OF TREATMENT, APR 2025 TO MAR 2026

	Share
Band 1 Check-ups, scale and polish	**50.2%**
Band 2 Fillings, extractions, root canals of which 2a 19.3% · 2b 9.2% · 2c 0.8%	**29.2%**
Band 3 Crowns, dentures, bridges	**6.5%**
Urgent Urgent appointments	**13.9%**

URGENT CARE AS A SHARE OF UDAS



UDAs weight each course by complexity, so urgent care is a smaller share of UDAs (6.6%) than of courses (13.9%).

ACCESS WITHIN WEST AND NORTH LONDON ICB [1]

13 boroughs, adults

Enfield	41.2%
Hillingdon	39.7%
Ealing	38.5%
Camden	30.3%
Kensington and Chelsea	27.0%
Westminster	26.8%

Adult access ranges from 26.8% in Westminster to 41.2% in Enfield, a gap of 14.4 points across the patch, wider than the gap between West and North London ICB and the England average.

WHAT WOULD MAKE THE BIGGEST DIFFERENCE LOCALLY

- Dentistry named in Integrated Neighbourhood Teams
- A route for practices into local prevention programmes
- Access to the NHS Spine and the Single Patient Record

CHILDREN'S ORAL HEALTH [3] tooth decay is the most common reason a child under 10 is admitted to hospital

FIVE YEAR OLDS WITH TOOTH DECAY

32.4%

London 27.4% · England 22.4% · 2024 survey

CHILDREN UNDER 10 ADMITTED TO HOSPITAL TO HAVE DECAYED TEETH REMOVED

1,905

In 2024/25, up 12% on 2023/24 (1,705)

HOW THE NHS DENTAL CONTRACT WORKS

There is no NHS dental registration. A practice is contracted to deliver a set amount of activity each year and is paid for that activity, not for a list of patients.

Once that activity is delivered, a practice cannot take on more NHS patients. More patients means more contract value, which is a commissioning decision.

The contract is national and pays only for defined courses of treatment. There is no mechanism within it to fund prevention work or joint working with local services.

ABOUT THE LDC CONFEDERATION

The LDC Confederation is the membership body for London's four Local Dental Committees, the representative bodies for NHS dentists. Together we cover 22 boroughs and around 3,000 NHS dentists. Within West and North London ICB, we represent NHS dentists in 10 of the 13 boroughs, through Camden and Islington LDC and North West London LDC: Brent, Camden, Ealing, Hammersmith and Fulham, Harrow, Hillingdon, Hounslow, Islington, Kensington and Chelsea and Westminster. We do not currently cover Barnet, Enfield and Haringey.

We bring dental intelligence into local planning, connect partners with practices across West and North London ICB, and cascade information and opportunities to them.

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A note on this data

These figures describe people who were seen by an NHS dentist, not the oral health of those who were not, who are concentrated in the most deprived parts of each borough. Higher access is not in itself a good result: it does not show whether the people with the greatest need are being seen, or whether they are receiving the right care. London and England figures are context, not a benchmark. Being above an average does not mean residents are receiving the care they should. ICB figures here are built up from whole boroughs. ICB boundaries follow patient registration rather than borough lines, so these totals are close to but not identical with the ICB's own.

Sources

1. NHS BSA, NHS Dental Statistics for England 2025/26
2. NHS BSA contract report, August 2026
3. OHID, oral health survey of five year olds 2024 and hospital tooth extractions to March 2025

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