

In Islington, just over 3 in 10 adults and 5 in 10 children have access to NHS dentistry.

 ADULT ACCESS ^[1]



32.4%

of adults in Islington saw an NHS dentist
61,767 of 190,447 · April 2024 to March 2026
London 36.9% · England 40.0%

 CHILD ACCESS ^[1]



52.4%

of children in Islington saw an NHS dentist
17,874 of 34,104 · April 2025 to March 2026
London 51.5% · England 60.0%

 NHS DENTAL PROVISION IN ISLINGTON ^[2] as at August 2026



NHS PRACTICES

18

With a GDS contract



NHS DENTISTS

105

Active in the borough



CONTRACT VALUE

£10,797,333

Total commissioned



SPEND PER PERSON

£48.08

Per resident

 NHS TREATMENT DELIVERED ^[1]

112,220 COURSES OF TREATMENT, APR 2025 TO MAR 2026

48.3%	32.3%	7.4%	11.8%
Share			

Band 1

Check-ups, scale and polish48.3%

Band 2

Fillings, extractions, root canals32.3%

of which 2a 20.5% · 2b 10.3% · 2c 1.5%

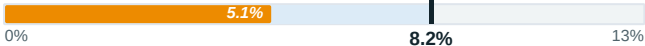
Band 3

Crowns, dentures, bridges7.4%

Urgent

Urgent appointments11.8%

URGENT CARE AS A SHARE OF UDAS



5.1%

8.2% required from April 2026

0%13%

UDAs weight each course by complexity, so urgent care is a smaller share of UDAs (5.1%) than of courses (11.8%).

 ACCESS WITHIN ISLINGTON ^[1] 17 wards, adults

Tufnell Park	40.7%
Laycock	40.5%
Finsbury Park	39.4%
St Peter's & Canalside	26.3%
Clerkenwell	24.8%
Bunhill	24.6%

Adult access ranges from 24.6% in Bunhill to 40.7% in Tufnell Park, a gap of 16.1 points within the borough, wider than the gap between Islington 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



28.8%

London 27.4% · England 22.4% · 2024 survey



CHILDREN UNDER 10 ADMITTED TO HOSPITAL TO HAVE DECAYED TEETH REMOVED

110

In 2024/25, up 38% on 2023/24 (80)

 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. Camden and Islington LDC covers Camden and Islington.

We bring dental intelligence into local planning, connect partners with practices in the borough, 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 the 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.

Sources

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