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Dear Sir/Madam

**Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA)**

**Request ID: FOI799893597**

Thank you for your request for information relating to Dental Services and Products Spending.

You have requested the following information:

**Please could you tell me, for each year since 2020, including 2024/25 (or the most recent year available), for your local education authority:**

- **The total amount spent on dental services for pupils**
- **The total amount spent on dental products (including, but not limited to, toothbrushes, toothpaste, mouthwash, dental kits, or other oral hygiene supplies)**
- **The recorded reason for this expenditure (for example, public health initiatives, emergency provision, targeted programmes, etc.), where available**

- **The total amount spent on dental services for pupils:**  
2025/26 - £48,889 to date.

- **The total amount spent on dental products (including, but not limited to, toothbrushes, toothpaste, mouthwash, dental kits, or other oral hygiene supplies):**  
2025/26 – The majority of the £48,889 expenditure stated above is allocated to supervised toothbrushing service provision rather than dental products. The majority of the dental products provided to children have been donated by Colgate-Palmolive as part of the national programme: <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/supervised-toothbrushing-for-children-to-prevent-tooth-decay>  
We are unable to separate/disaggregate the £48,889 expenditure into dental product costs and wider service costs.

2023/24 – £40,047

This was non recurrent funding from NHS England to provide free dental packs.

These were distributed to a number of different settings including primary and secondary schools. It is not possible to provide a breakdown of the pack costs that were allocated to these settings.

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2025/26 National public health supervised toothbrushing programme

2023/24 – NHSE non-recurrent funded dental public health initiative

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