



Dental Services

# NHS Dental Services

## E Reporting Good Practice Guide

### Number of FP17s and Number of Patients

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# Number of FP17s and Number of Patients

In the Activity Universe, two measures commonly used are the Number of FP17s and Number of Patients Treated

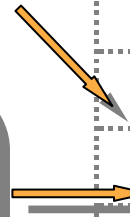
Number of FP17s is a count of all the FP17s adjusted for any amended claims. FP17s therefore are not counted twice and the UDA is correct

Number of Patients Treated is a count of the number of patients who received a treatment. A patient is defined as a unique combination of Patient Surname, Initials, Postcode, Gender and Date of Birth



## Measures

- Amended Claim
- Orthodontic Claim Indicator
- Claim Source
- Late Submitted FP17
- Number of FP17s**
- Number of Patients Treated**
- Number of Radiographs Taken



# Number of FP17s and Number of Patients

Care needs to be taken when using the Number of Patients Treated, as it can be misleading if used in certain ways. For example, the two queries below are the same except that the second will bring back the scheduled month

The image displays two screenshots of a query builder interface, each showing a 'Result Objects' section. The first screenshot shows a query with the following result objects: Contract Health Body Code, Contract Health Body Name, Contract Number, Name or Company Name, Number of FP17s, and Number of Patients Treated. The second screenshot shows a similar query but with 'Schedule Month (YYYYMM)' instead of 'Name or Company Name'. This 'Schedule Month (YYYYMM)' field is circled in red in the second screenshot.

**Result Objects**

- Contract Health Body Code
- Contract Health Body Name
- Contract Number
- Name or Company Name
- Number of FP17s
- Number of Patients Treated

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- Contract Health Body Code
- Contract Health Body Name
- Contract Number
- Name or Company Name
- Schedule Month (YYYYMM)
- Number of FP17s
- Number of Patients Treated

# Number of FP17s and Number of Patients

When these two queries are run for a period of time the results can be different as show below

Without months	
Number of FP17s	Number of Patients Treated
60,356	56,262

With months	
Number of FP17s	Number of Patients Treated
60,356	59,072

The number of FP17s are the same but number of patients differ

This is because when scheduled months **are** included in the results, a patient will be counted in each month that they had a course of treatment



# Number of FP17s and Number of Patients

Therefore the two results in terms of numbers of patients are different and would depend on what was required to be shown

Without months	
Number of FP17s	Number of Patients Treated
60,356	56,262

Shows number of unique patients in total for a scheduled period

With months		
Schedule Month	Number of FP17s	Number of Patients Treated
201010	22,324	21,763
201011	20,940	20,531
201012	17,092	16,778
Sum:	60,356	59,072

Shows number of unique patients for each month. A patient will be counted in each month that they had a course of treatment



# Number of FP17s and Number of Patients

The same would apply when adding other dimensions relating to the number of patients, such as Charge Band or Charge Status

Total	
Number of FP17s	Number of Patients Treated
60,356	56,262

Shows number of unique patients in total for a scheduled period

With Charge Status		
Child / Exempt / Non-Exempt	Number of FP17s	Number of Patients Treated
Child	15,978	15,328
Exempt	21,514	20,103
Non-Exempt	22,864	21,335
Sum:	60,356	56,766

Shows number of unique patients for each Charge Status. A patient can be counted twice if their charge status was different in courses of treatment over the analysed period

