

Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002

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Question/s to be answered

I note with interest a recent story in the Shetland Times which states:

"The figures supplied to the Shetland Times by NHS Shetland indicated that over 650 dental appointments were lost due to patients failing to attend. The news story then said that the missed appointments equated to 722 filling appointments, or 361 root filling appointments."

I request a breakdown of appointments that have been missed, by quantity and with specific groups of care i.e. orthodontics, general dentistry, maxillo-facial and other specialist care

Response:

Quantity of appointments where the patient failed to attend, by specific groups of care

Orthodontics 19

General dentistry 341

Maxillo-facial 22

Therapist / Hygienist 85

OHE Nurse 209