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Dear Andrew,

Thank you for your Written Question asking how the Welsh Government is incentivising NHS dentists in Wales to take on more NHS patients.

Since April 2022, dental practices in Wales have been offered the opportunity to opt into a variation of their UDA contract, which includes a requirement to see a set number of new patients dependent on the practice's NHS contract value.

For the last two years, 83% to 89% of contract values have elected to operate under this arrangement and this has resulted in more than 323,000 new patients receiving a full course of NHS dental treatment. Furthermore, an additional 83,000 new patients received urgent treatment in 2023-24.

Yours sincerely,

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