**Dental Commissioning Statistics – March 2016**

**1. Summary**

* As at 31st March 2016, there are 89,022,675 UDAs commissioned to be provided between 1st April 2016 and 31st March 2017.
* This is an increase of 71,000 compared to the previous quarter, equivalent to a 0.1% change.
* It is 308,000 UDAs, or 0.3%, higher than the number of UDAs commissioned by March 2015 to be provided between 1st April 2015 and 31st March 2016.
* The largest change from the previous quarter at Local Office level was a decrease of 27,000, or 0.5%, in South Central.
* The largest change from the previous year at Local Office level was an increase of 336,000, or 4.9% in Central Midlands.
* The number of UDAs commissioned in contracts which are not yet delivering services remains low, at 33,000, in Lancashire and Greater Manchester and London.

**2. Changes at regional level**

At a national level, the total UDAs commissioned by March 2016 is higher (by 71,000) than in December 2015 (0.1% increase).

Compared to the previous quarter, the South region showed the greatest decrease in UDAs commissioned, with 728 fewer UDAs commissioned in March 2016 compared to December 2015 (0.003% decrease). Midlands and East region had the highest increase (0.1%) in UDAs commissioned compared to the previous quarter, with 37,000 more UDAs commissioned in March 2016 compared to December 2015.

*Table 1: Units of Dental Activity Commissioned by* ***Quarterly*** *Change counts and Percentage Change*

England, commissioning regions

|  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **Total UDAs** | **QuarterlyChange** | **Percentage Change** |
|  | **December 2015** | **March 2016** |
|  **England**  | **88,951,978**  | **89,022,675**  | **70,697**  | **0.1%** |
| North | 27,913,410  | 27,947,579  | 34,169  | 0.1% |
| Midlands and East | 26,874,569  | 26,911,825  | 37,256  | 0.1% |
| London | 12,649,666  | 12,649,666  | 0  | 0.0% |
| South | 21,514,333  | 21,513,605  | -728  | 0.0% |

Compared to the previous year, at a national level, the total UDAs commissioned by March 2016 is higher (by 308,000) than in March 2015 (0.3% increase).

At commissioning region level, the largest annual decrease was in the South region with 153,000 fewer UDAs commissioned (-0.7%) compared to March 2015. Midlands and East region had the highest increase (1.9%) in UDAs commissioned compared to the previous year.

*Table 2: Units of Dental Activity Commissioned by* ***Annual*** *Change counts and Percentage*

England, commissioning regions

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| --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **Total UDAs** | **AnnualChange** | **Percentage Change** |
|  | **March 2015** | **March 2016** |
|  **England**  | **88,714,190**  | **89,022,675**  | **308,485**  | **0.3%** |
| North | 28,038,589  | 27,947,579  | -91,010  | -0.3% |
| Midlands and East | 26,398,697  | 26,911,825  | 513,128  | 1.9% |
| London | 12,610,101  | 12,649,666  | 39,565  | 0.3% |
| South | 21,666,803  | 21,513,605  | -153,198  | -0.7% |

At Local Office level, the largest annual decrease was in Cumbria and the North East with 97,000 fewer UDAs commissioned (-1.6%) compared to March 2015. Central Midlands had the highest increase (4.9%) in UDAs commissioned compared to the previous year, at 340,000 more.

Compared to the previous quarter, South Central showed the greatest decrease in UDAs commissioned compared to the previous quarter, with 27,000 fewer UDAs commissioned in March 2016 compared to December 2015 (0.5% decrease). Yorkshire and the Humber had the highest increase (0.4%) in UDAs commissioned compared to the previous quarter, with 40,000 more UDAs commissioned.

Between December 2015 and March 2016, out of the 13 Regional Teams, nine showed increases in commissioned UDAs, three showed decreases compared to the previous quarter, and one showed no change.

*Table 3: Units of Dental Activity Commissioned, Quarterly and Annual Changes*

England, Local Offices

|  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **Total UDAs** | **Annual change** | **Quarterly change** |
|  | **Counts** | **% Change** | **Counts** | **% Change** |
| **ENGLAND** | **89,022,675**  | **308,485**  | 0.3% | **70,697**  | 0.1% |
| Wessex  | 4,317,076  | 8,053  | 0.2% | 1,373  | 0.0% |
| London  | 12,649,666  | 39,565  | 0.3% | 0  | 0.0% |
| Yorkshire and the Humber  | 9,611,633  | -32,090  | -0.3% | 40,171  | 0.4% |
| Lancashire and Greater Manchester  | 7,454,817  | 44,767  | 0.6% | 17,638  | 0.2% |
| Cumbria and North East  | 6,020,253  | -97,424  | -1.6% | -11,763  | -0.2% |
| Cheshire and Merseyside  | 4,860,876  | -6,263  | -0.1% | -11,877  | -0.2% |
| North Midlands  | 5,909,534  | -12,869  | -0.2% | 9,498  | 0.2% |
| West Midlands  | 6,817,161  | 87,175  | 1.3% | 8,090  | 0.1% |
| Central Midlands  | 7,245,533  | 335,742  | 4.9% | 17,535  | 0.2% |
| East  | 6,939,597  | 103,080  | 1.5% | 2,133  | 0.0% |
| South West  | 5,652,225  | -17,484  | -0.3% | 7,732  | 0.1% |
| South East  | 6,545,906  | -71,700  | -1.1% | 17,145  | 0.3% |
| South Central  | 4,998,398  | -72,067  | -1.4% | -26,978  | -0.5% |

**3. Quarterly changes**

The data from March 2016 shows that there has been an increase in the amount of UDAs commissioned (0.1%) compared to the previous quarter. In the quarter before that, December 2015, there was a 0.001% decrease.

As the chart below shows, there have been seasonal variations affecting the quarter to quarter changes. Historically, large dips have been seen in the June quarter (for precise figures see Annex 1). This is most likely due to non-recurrent commissioning contracts coming to an end (end of the financial year) and new commissioning for the year not yet decided upon.

*Figure 1: Percentage change of Units of Dental Activity Commissioned quarter on quarter.*

England, March 2008 to March 2016.



**4. Annual changes**

The annual change for total UDAs commissioned has now been positive for four quarters, having previously been negative since September 2013. The total UDAs in March 2016 is 310,000 higher than in March 2015 (0.3% increase), the up and running services for the same time period have also increased by 0.4% (370,000).

For each quarter between March 2009 and June 2010, the total number of UDAs commissioned was at least 4.0% higher than at the same time 12 months earlier. The percentage increase declined to around 1.0% or below from December 2010 onwards. March 2014 marked the most negative percentage change across the time period of -1.3%. The most recent quarter (March 2016) registered a 0.3% increase in units of dental activity commissioned, see Figure 2 below.

*Figure 2: Percentage change of Units of Dental Activity Commissioned year on year.*

England, March 2009 to March 2016.

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**5. ‘Up and running’ UDAs**

Over time, the gap between the total number of UDAs commissioned and the ‘up and running’ UDAs has narrowed. The most recent quarter shows the number of UDAs commissioned in contracts which are not yet delivering services is 33,000 (0.04% of all UDAs commissioned). This is a decrease from 38,000, from last quarter, and a decrease from 96,000, from the previous year.

Since March 2011, UDAs commissioned in contracts which are not yet delivering services have represented 1.0% or less of the total UDAs commissioned. The data from June 2014 showed the smallest proportion seen over time of UDAs not yet delivering services (0.003%).

*Figure 3: Time Series of Units of Dental Activity Commissioned*

England, March 2008 to March 2016.



Annex 1

*Table 4: Units of Dental Activity (UDAs) Commissioned*

England, March 2009 to March 2016

|  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Reporting period**  | **Annual services commissioned + up and running** | **Contracts not yet delivering services**  | **Total annual services commissioned\***  |
| as of March 2009 |  81,989,867  |  1,340,108  |  83,329,975  |
| as of June 2009 |  82,224,496  |  2,240,289  |  84,464,785  |
| as of September 2009 |  84,876,778  |  2,044,575  |  86,921,353  |
| as of December 2009 |  86,531,325  |  1,779,416  |  88,310,741  |
| as of March 2010 |  86,713,183  |  1,691,265  |  88,404,448  |
| as of June 2010 |  86,410,349  |  1,471,597  |  87,881,946  |
| as of September 2010 |  87,797,178  |  1,279,192  |  89,076,370  |
| as of December 2010 |  88,442,502  |  1,043,909  |  89,486,411  |
| as of March 2011 |  88,373,545  |  693,691  |  89,067,236  |
| as of June 2011 |  88,182,055  |  833,609  |  89,015,664  |
| as of September 2011 |  88,931,847  |  297,480  |  89,229,327  |
| as of December 2011 |  89,212,421  |  218,773  |  89,431,194  |
| as of March 2012 |  89,537,613  |  251,330  |  89,788,943  |
| as of June 2012 |  88,895,085  |  207,517  |  89,102,602  |
| as of September 2012 |  89,171,087  |  165,942  |  89,337,029  |
| as of December 2012 |  89,440,435  |  257,890  |  89,698,325  |
| as of March 2013 |  90,144,430  |  202,302  |  90,346,732  |
| as of June 2013 |  89,118,011  |  16,000  |  89,134,011  |
| as of September 2013 |  89,140,430  |  77,692  |  89,218,122  |
| as of December 2013 |  89,382,784  |  96,211  |  89,478,995  |
| as of March 2014 |  89,122,113  |  70,801  |  89,192,914  |
| as of June 2014 |  88,935,606  |  2,247  |  88,937,853  |
| as of September 2014 |  88,740,473  |  132,702  |  88,873,175  |
| as of December 2014 |  88,773,154  |  10,240  |  88,783,394  |
| as of March 2015 |  88,618,075  |  96,115  |  88,714,190  |
| as of June 2015 |  89,218,798  |  12,900  |  89,231,698  |
| as of September 2015 |  88,940,241  |  12,900  |  88,953,141  |
| as of December 2015 |  88,913,840  |  38,138  |  88,951,978  |
| as of March 2016 |  88,989,806  |  32,869  |  89,022,675  |

\*Commissioned UDAs cover contracted UDAs in the next 12 months in GDS and PDS contracts and in VDP arrangements. *This excludes salaried services where there are no contracted UDAs*.