



## Dental input into the CRANE Database

For Cleft Care Scotland (CCS) Annual Education Event:  
Multidisciplinary Cleft Care – The Dental Specialties

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# Background - CRANE



- Cleft Registry and Audit Network (CRANE) Database
- Registry of live births since 2000
  - For England, Wales, Northern Ireland and Scotland
  - Almost 23,000 registrations to date
- Since 2004: Audit of child growth, dental health, facial growth, speech and psychology outcomes

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# 1. Collaborating with the Dental CEN - dental health outcomes



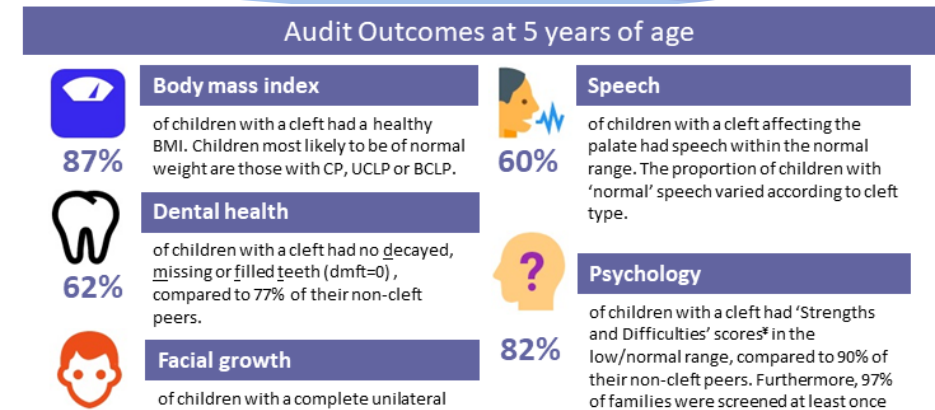
## Decayed (d), missing (m) and filled (f) teeth (dmft)

- $dmft > 0$  - experience of dental decay 2011\* – 5 years of age
- $dmft > 5$  - extensive dental decay 2020 (5 yrs)
- Treatment index –  $(m + f) / dmft$  2014 (5 yrs)
- Care index –  $f / dmft$  2015 (5 yrs)
  - 100% is the desirable outcome

# 1. Collaborating with the Dental CEN - reporting





- Annual Report – main output
- May 2016 – live tables, data completeness
- Dec 2017 – expanded outputs to include patient summary and Infographic
- Dec 2019 – at 10 years (07-08 births)
  - Summary since
- Dec 2020 – all available years (10 yrs)
- Dec 2021 – outlier policy
  - three years (rolling) + 1 year summary



### 6. What do we know about 5 year old children, born between 2011-13, with a cleft lip and/or palate?

This section summarises information on children with a cleft at 5 years of age (born between 2011 and 2013), whose parents/carers agreed ('consented') to CRANE collecting information on their child's health.

<b>Child growth</b>  <b>87%</b>	Almost nine in every ten children (87%) born with a cleft during the birth years studied, had a healthy Body Mass Index (BMI). This means that most 5-year-olds born with a cleft had a healthy weight for their height (see the <a href="#">Glossary</a> for more information on BMI).
<b>Dental health</b>  <b>62%</b>	Approximately three in every five children (62%) had no decayed, missing or filled teeth (dmft). This is lower than the rate found in the general population (77%). This means that rates of decayed or missing teeth in children born with cleft lip and/or palate are higher than the general population (see the <a href="#">Glossary</a> for more information on dmft).
<b>Facial growth</b> <b>38%</b>	Approximately two in every five children with unilateral cleft lip and palate (UCLP) had what is known as 'good facial growth' when examined by orthodontists (using an assessment called the Five Year Old Index – see the

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## 2. Dental Outcomes reporting - indicators



- Completeness
- dmft>0 - experience of dental decay
- dmft>5 - extensive dental decay
- Treatment index
- Care index

Outcomes / Treatment: Dental	A : O	7	Dental decay at 5 years of age	All consented children, without submucous cleft palates, alive at the age of 5 years – with dental health data	Patients with at least one dmft (dmft >0) at 5 years of age	
Outcomes / Treatment: Dental	A : O	8	Dental treatment index at 5 years of age	All consented children, without submucous cleft palates, alive at the age of 5 years – with dental health data	Patients with treatment indices of 1 (no untreated disease) at 5 years of age	Mirrors CLP06: % of 5 year old children with CLP, who have had a treatment index recorded by a calibrated paediatric dentist (dmft scores)

# Interpreting funnel plots

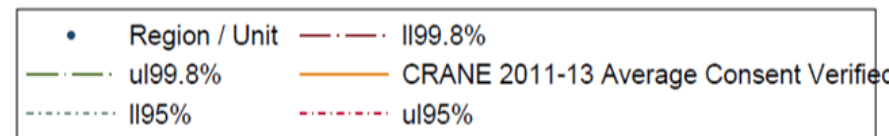
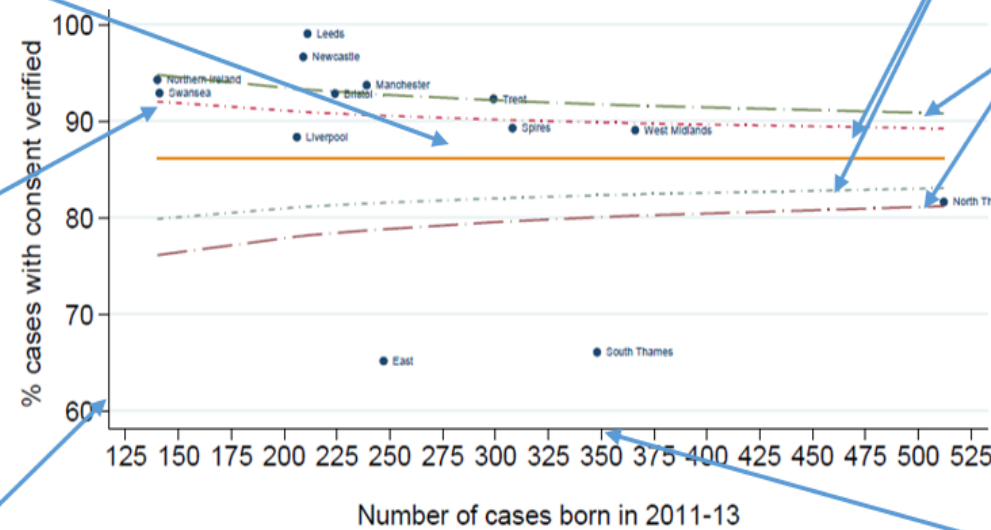


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- The overall national percentage is shown as a horizontal line through the centre of the graph
- Each point on the funnel plot represents a region / unit
- Each funnel plot is for one outcome, with its values shown on the vertical/Y axis
- The graph shows two funnels that lie on either side of the benchmark and are called the control limits – similar to confidence intervals – that fall either side of the overall percentage
- Inner lines show two standard deviations or 95% control limits
- Outer lines represent three standard deviations or 99.8% control limits
- The funnel shape is formed because the control limits get narrower as the total number of patients in an organisation increases
- The size of the teams' cohort is shown on the horizontal or X axis



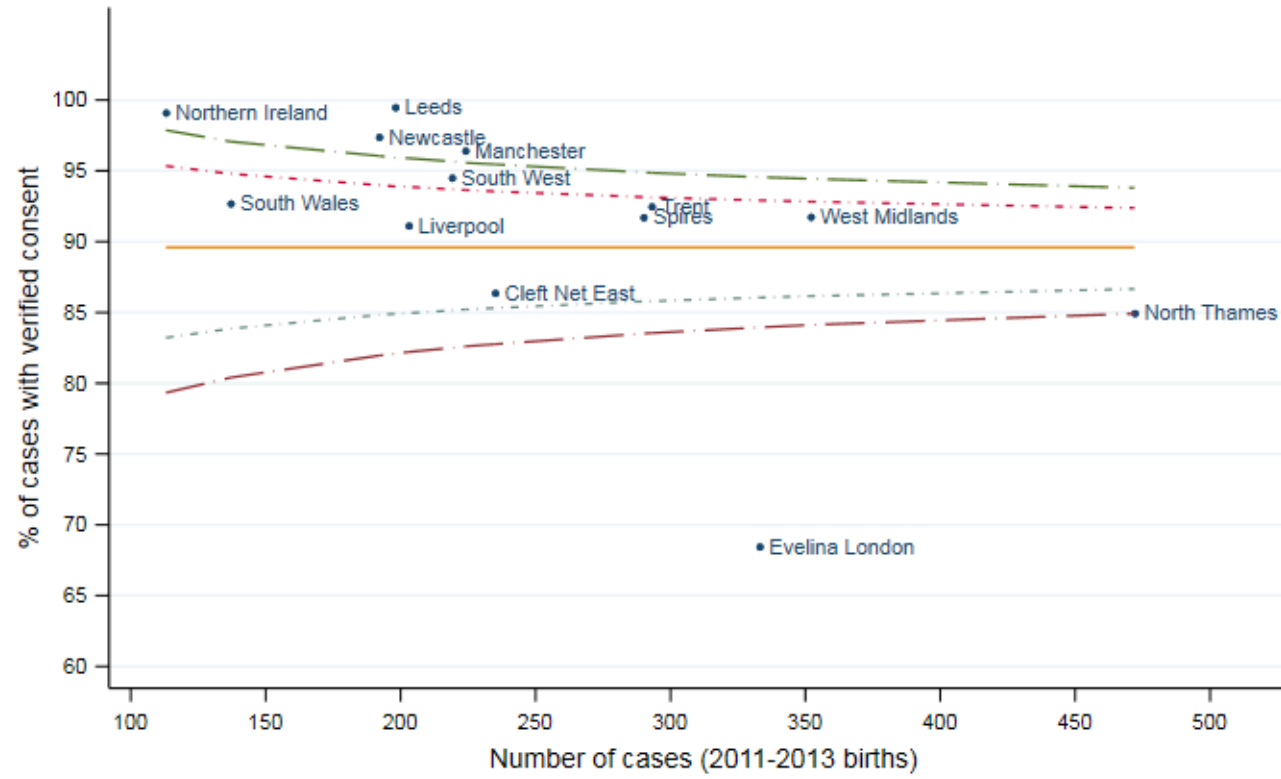
# Consent 2021 report (2011-13 births)



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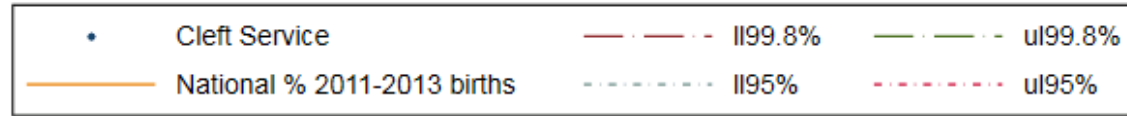
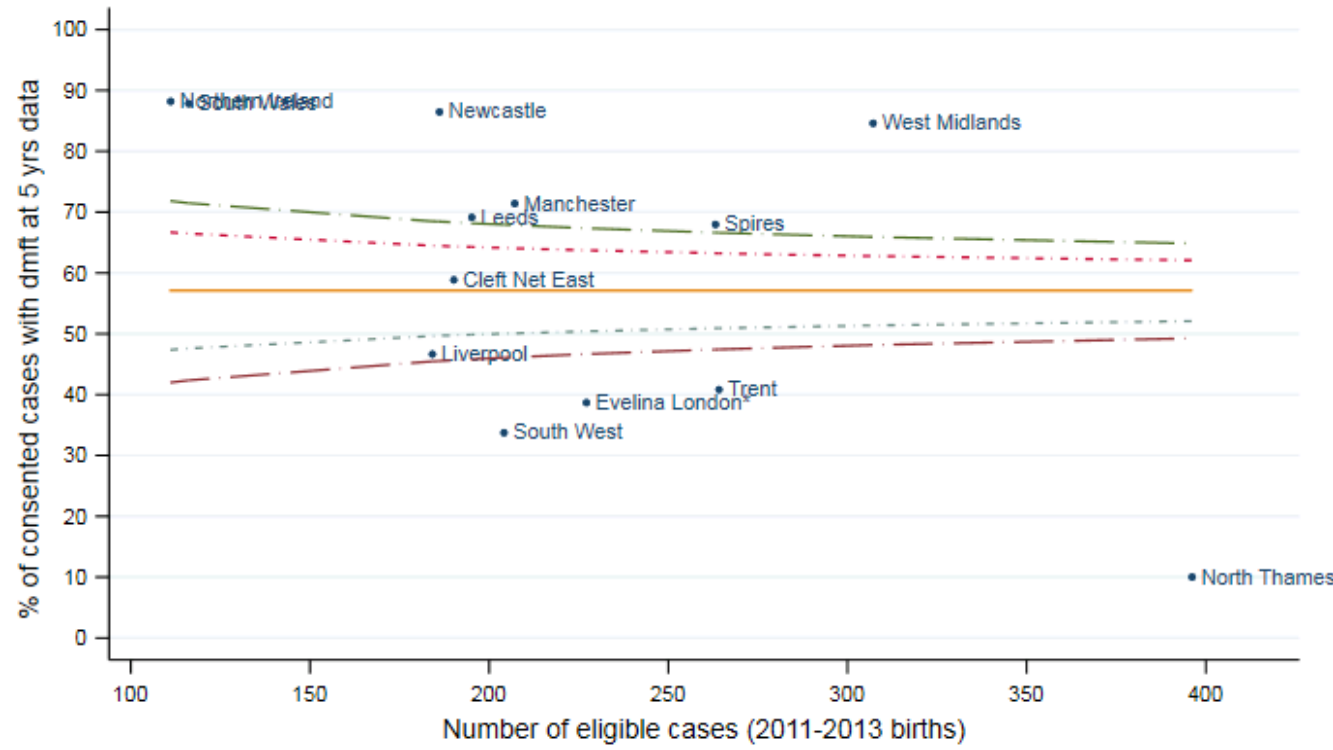
# Dental comp 2021



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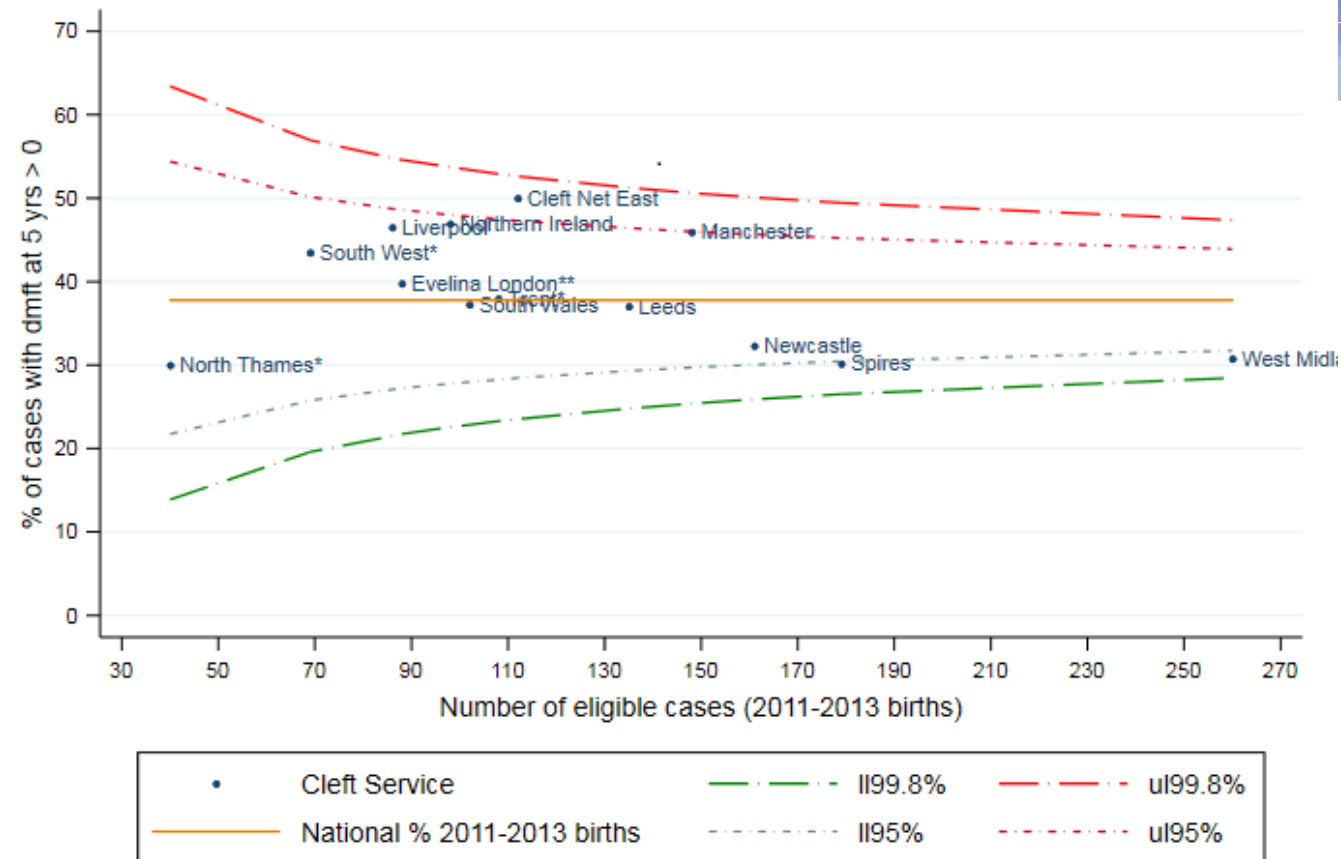
# dmft >0 2021



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Note 2: Data from Trent, N Thames, S West & Evelina were not used to create funnel plot due to poor data completion rates.

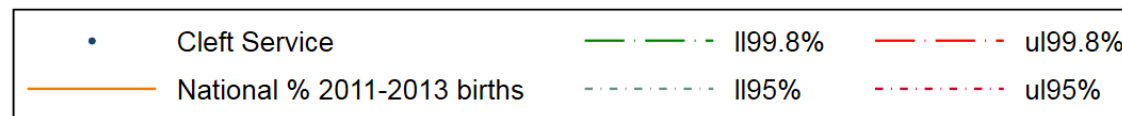
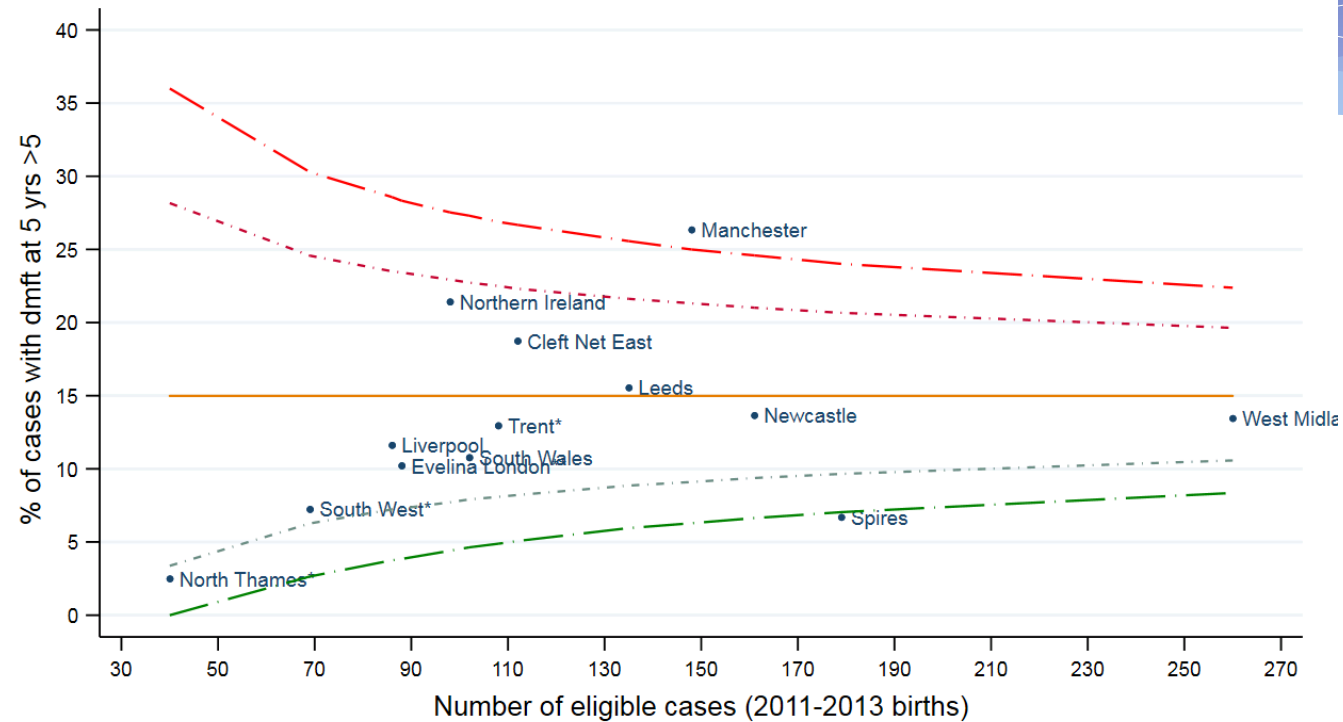
# dmft >5 2021



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# Reporting 2022 and 2023



- CRANE website – 9 December 2022
  - [Patient summary and Infographic](#)
- Quality Monitoring and Improvement Committee of CDG

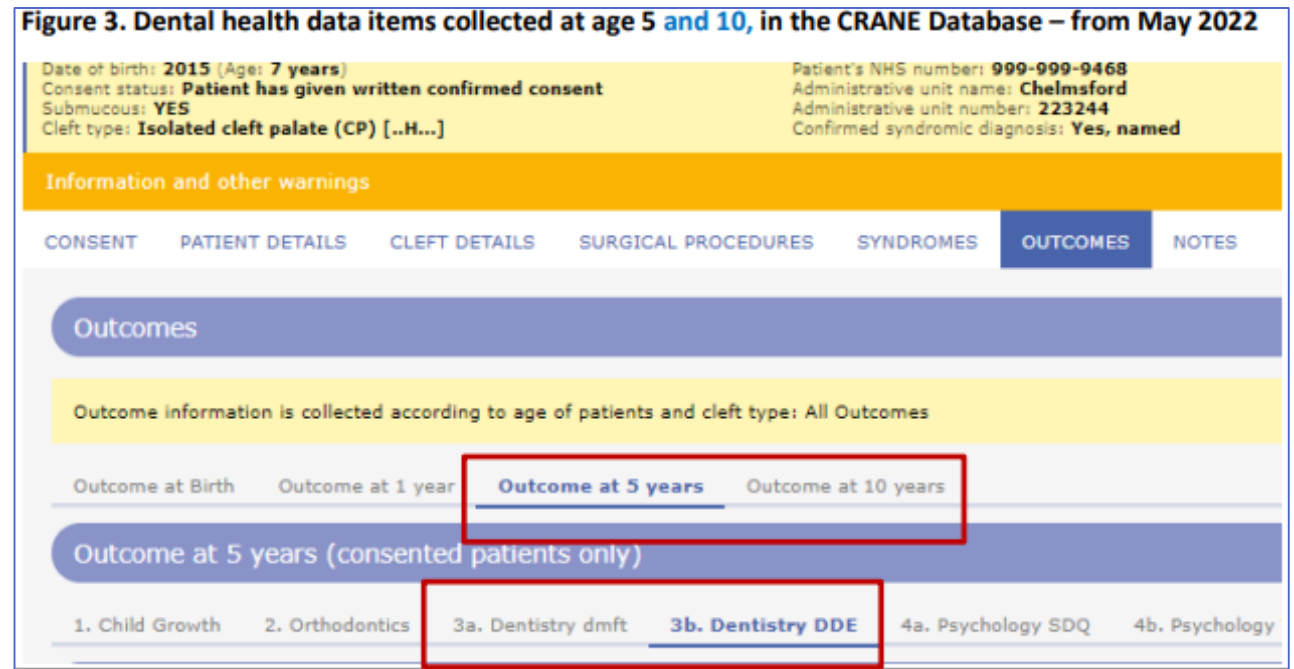
## Suggestions please

- to help improve the Annual Report for your contributions and specialties
- learning from other audits, and
- communications (social media)

# 3. Database developments



- Summer 2015 – new Database
- May 2016 – 10 years
- Jul 2022 – started collecting Developmental Defects of Enamel (DDE), [guide](#)
- Import / Export function – interoperability







## 4. Impact of patient factors on dental health outcomes of cleft care at 5 years of age



- Children with an orofacial cleft are recognised to be at increased risk of developing dental caries
- Evidence is limited on the patient factors associated with caries risk and treatment among children with a cleft
- Inform risk adjustment work

# Patient factors

- Sex 
- Cleft type 
- Ethnicity 
- Socio-economic deprivation 

## Method

- The CRANE Database linked to Hospital Episode Statistics (HES) data from NHS Digital



# Cohort



- 2004-12 births (9 years)
  - Audited up to December 2018 (up to 6 years of age), and
  - pre COVID-19 pandemic
- Consented cases
- Without SMCP, still alive @ 5yrs, and with dmft data
- England only\*

\*Explored using a CRANE:HES linked dataset.



# Cohort



Total cohort  
2004-12 births  
N=9,831

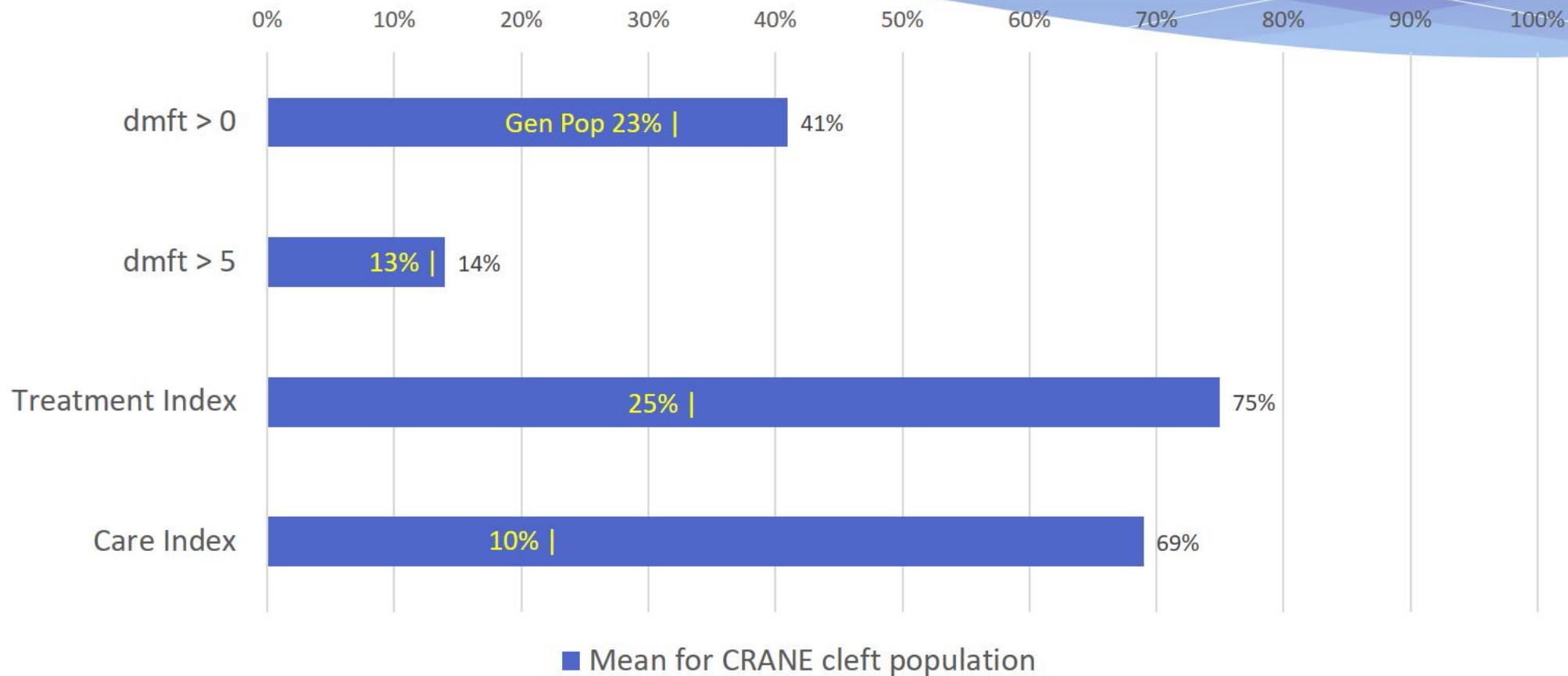
No consent N=950  
SMCP N=298  
Died before 5yrs N=136

Wales & N.I.\* N=692

Eligible: N=7,755  
dmft data: N=4,456

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# CRANE cleft population vs. general population



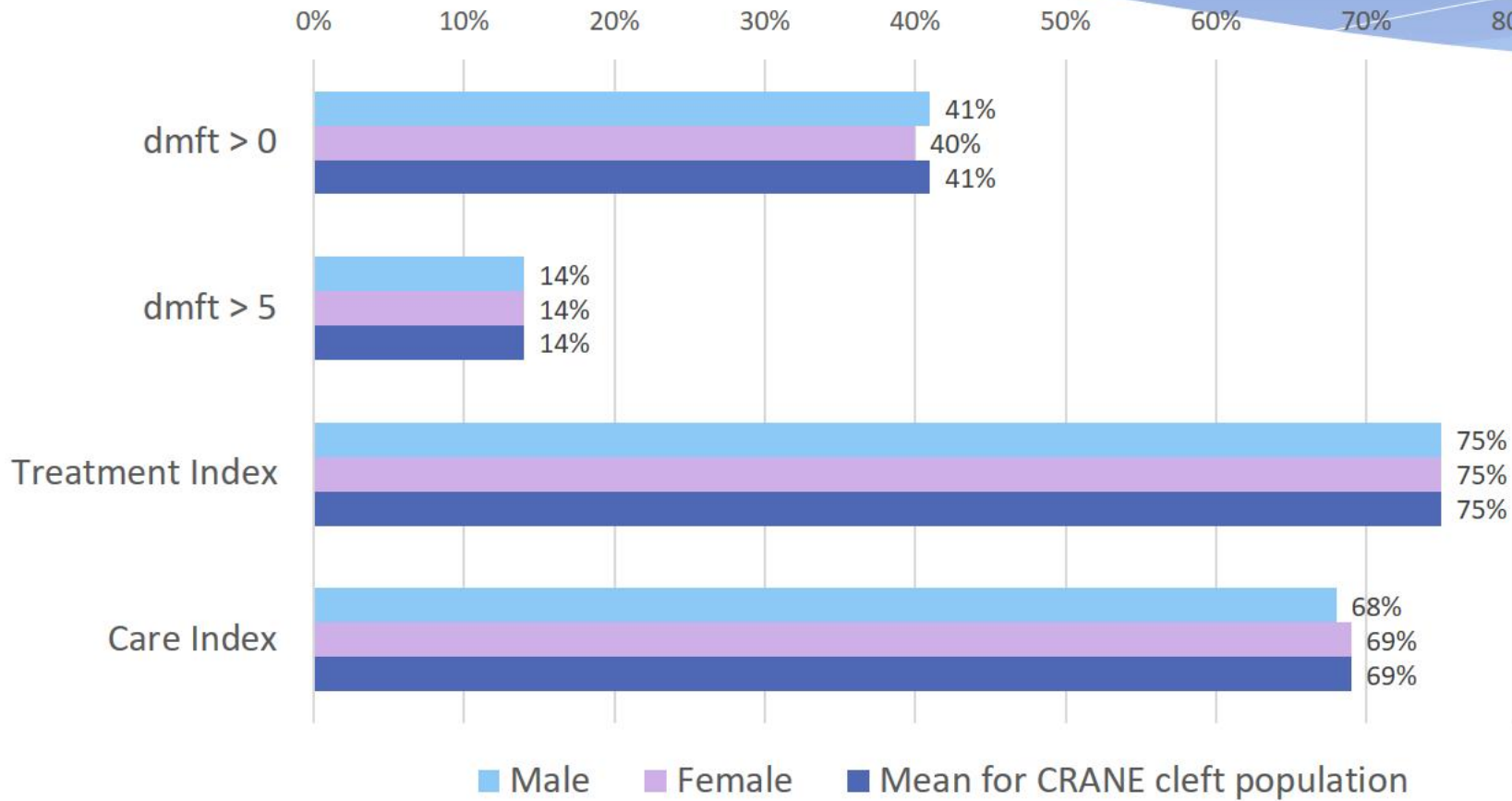
# Sex



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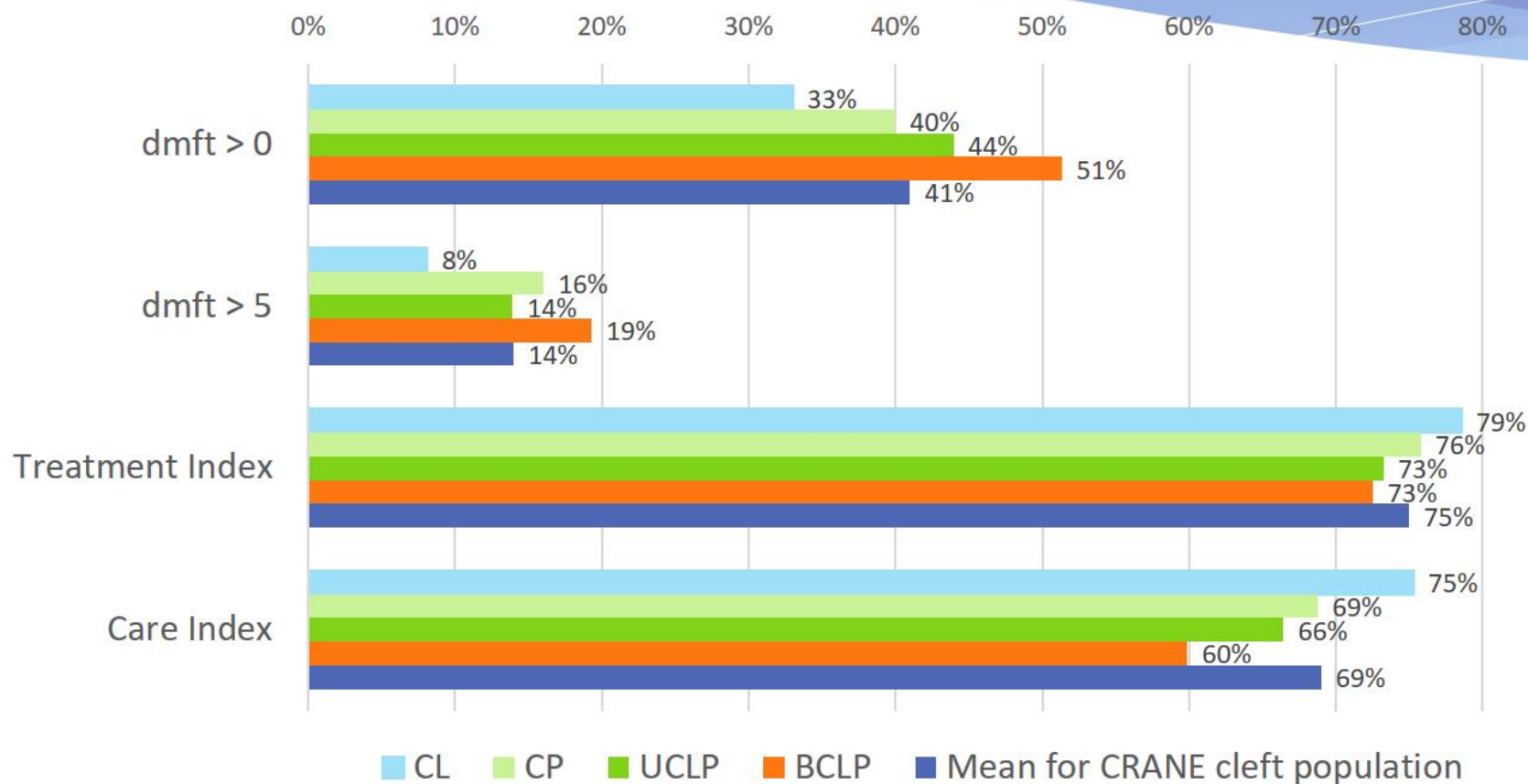


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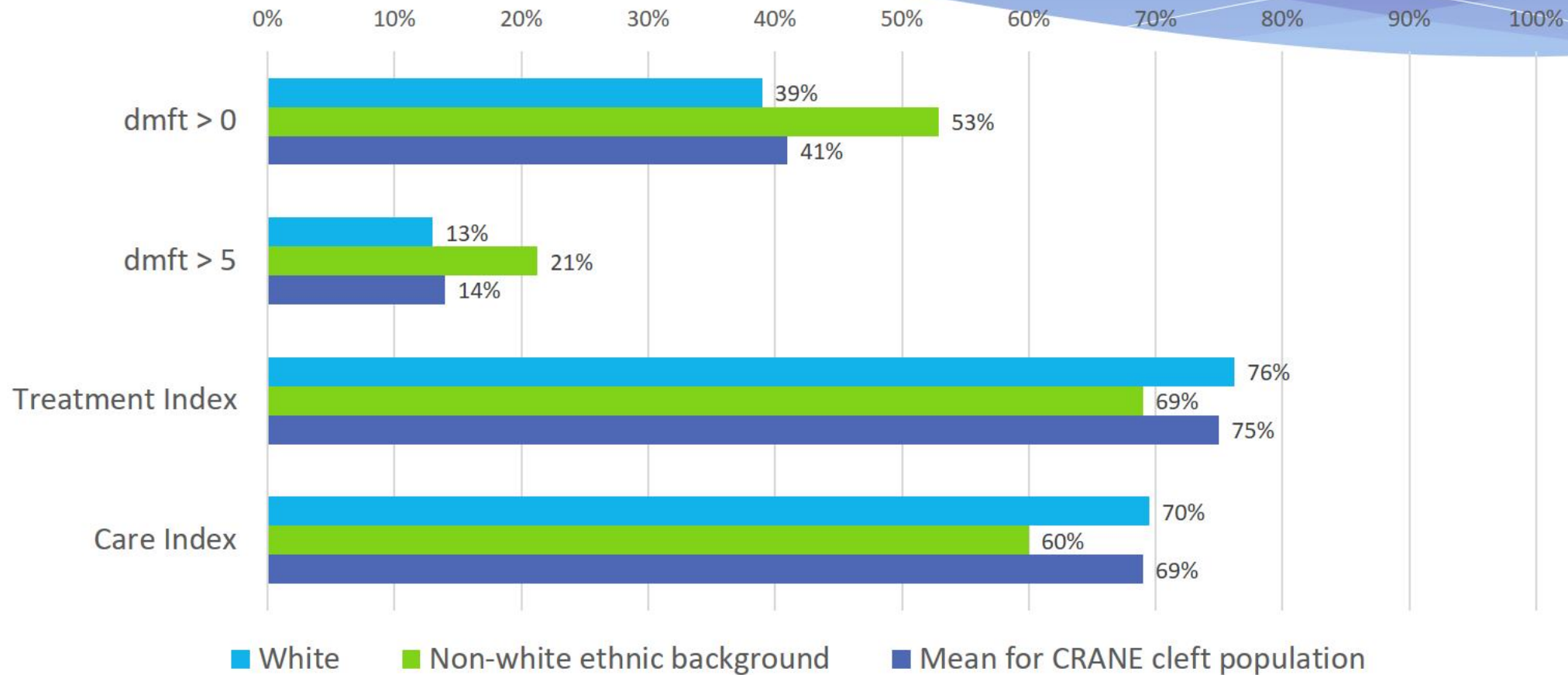
All p > 0.05

# CRANE cleft by cleft type



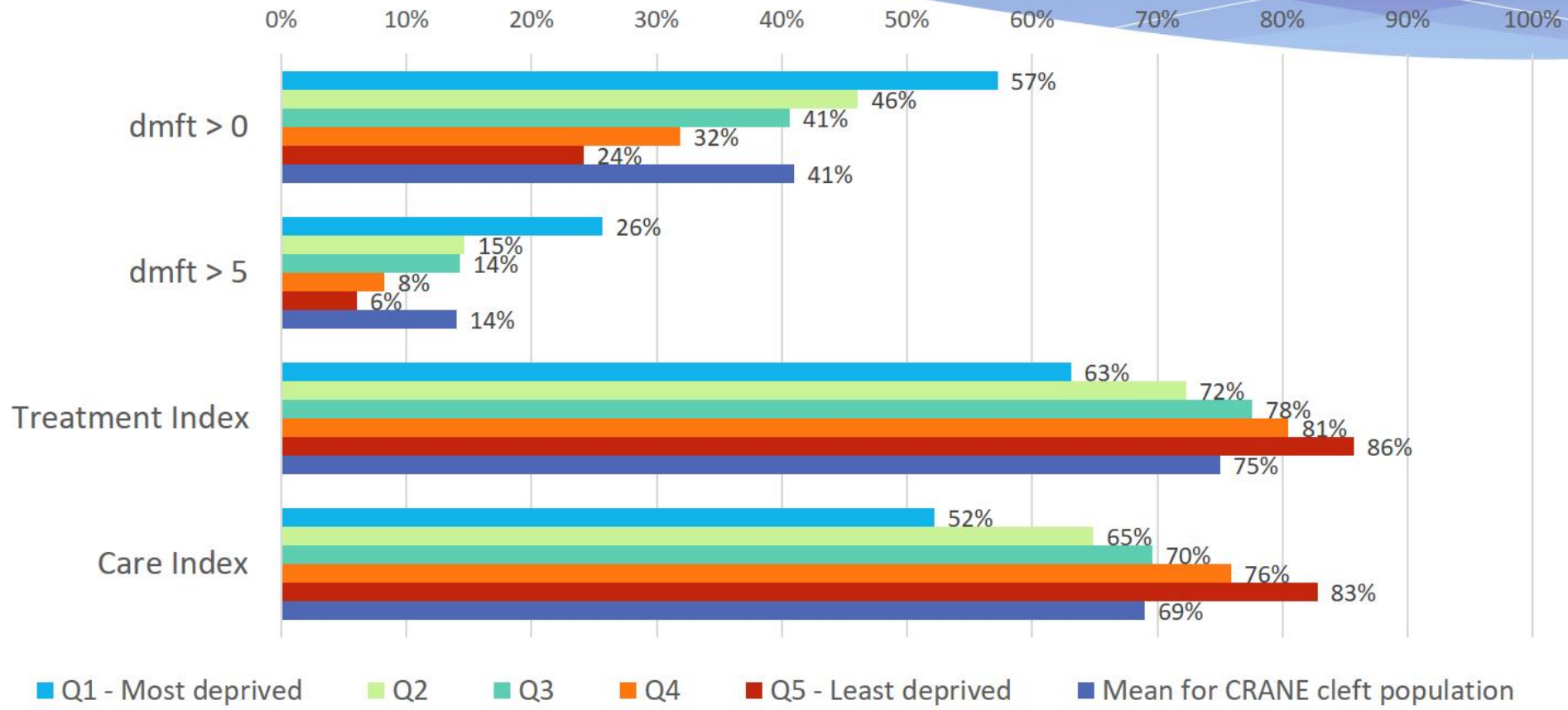
All p < 0.05

# CRANE cleft by ethnicity



All p < 0.001

# Socio-economic deprivation



All p < 0.001

# Interpretation and Future



Poorer dental health associated with:

- living in the most deprived areas,
- more complex clefts, and
- being of an non-white ethnic background

Further exploration of impact of patient factors on outcomes will allow:

- Resources / effort to be focussed on those with greatest need

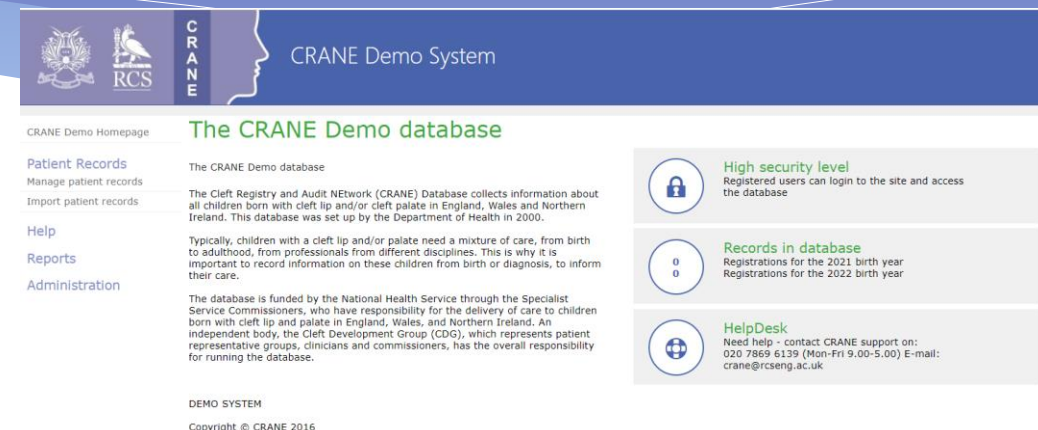
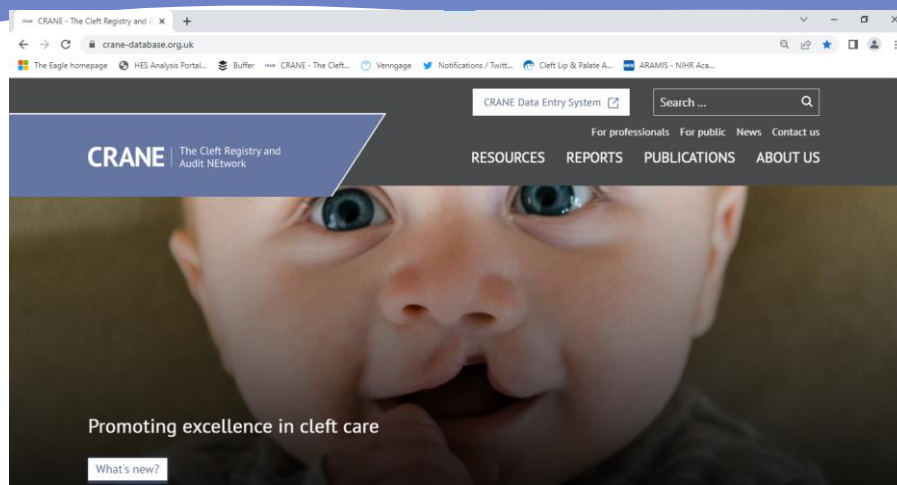
# 5. Database and audit developments – your input



- Indicators e.g. dmft > 5 and care index
  - Process and outcomes (service delivery/provision)
- Database enhancements
  - Meaningful: Clinicians, commissioners (planning and provision), patients
- Risk adjustment



# Resources helpful to aid data collection?



No.	Recommendation (Guidance available – Full detail on final page) [Related report section]	Action required? (Yes/No; state intended action OR reason for no action)	Action activities			
			Responsible individual(s)	Agreed deadline	Status (see Key 1)	Priority (see Key 2)
Rec 11	<p><b>Child growth at 5 years</b></p> <p>Cleft services should aim to assess children's weight and height at age five and improve the reporting of these measures in the CRANE database. This will facilitate more meaningful comparisons between subgroups in the future. [Chapter 4, Section 4.1]</p> <p>Indicator: #6</p>	<p><b>Suggested actions:</b></p> <p><i>Does your team have a protocol for how these outcome data are systematically collected, recorded and documented on CRANE Database?</i></p> <p><i>Has a specific individual been assigned responsibility to ensure collection / submission of these data points?</i></p> <p><i>Look at how your cleft services compares to the figures for all other teams in ... the Annual Report / Audit Day Reports / Outcomes Report (behind the log-in).</i></p> <p><i>Does this reflect what happens in your organisation? If not, what steps can you take to improve assessment of these outcomes? What action needs to be taken?</i></p> <p><i>Where collection / submission low assigned individual should reach out to cleft services with high data completeness and share learning locally, champion introduction of similar processes applicable to the local healthcare environment</i></p> <p><i>[Consider incorporating virtual MDT meeting where all audit data is reviewed on CRANE to ensure that whole team happy with record]</i></p>				

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<p><b>1.2. Cleft team details</b></p> <p><b>Administrative Unit Name</b> _____ <b>Hospital Name</b> _____</p> <p><b>Administrative Unit No.</b> _____ <b>Hospital No.</b> _____</p>	
<p><b>1.3. Patient details</b></p> <p><b>CRANE ID</b> _____ Automatically generated by CRANE Database</p> <p><b>Reason patient's NHS Number not available</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Patient from the Channel Islands  <input type="checkbox"/> Patient from Scotland  <input type="checkbox"/> Private UK patient  <input type="checkbox"/> Non-UK reside  <input type="checkbox"/> Other. Please provide other reason: _____</p> <p><b>Date of birth</b> / / (DD / MM / YYYY) <b>Date deceased</b> / / (DD / MM / YYYY) (Where applicable)</p>	



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# Your questions?

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