

THE STATE OF CHILDREN'S TEETH IN ENGLAND



**BY AGE 8
ALMOST**

50%

of children are affected
by tooth decay¹



**LEADING TO
PAIN**

difficulty eating and
sleeping, days missed at
school, behavioural
problems and weight loss

and can impact on
appearance and
self-esteem²



**48000
HOSPITAL
ADMISSIONS
IN 2014/15**



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for children under 16
with tooth decay
needing treatment
under general
anaesthetic (GA),
making tooth decay
the primary reason
children are
admitted for GA³

Tooth extractions under
general anaesthetic in
children results in an
estimated

**£30M
COST TO THE NHS
ANNUALLY¹**

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