# FACTS AND FIGURES:

# Costs of poor oral health:

# £27 Million is spent by the NHS on individuals **over 65 years** of age having teeth taken out in hospital

# But the estimated real cost is £57 million – in hospital admission costs; the admission reason may be due to dehydration and malnutrition, but the underlying reason is often dental

# Social Costs Associated – confusion, loss of independence

# Every year **1000’s of children** require general anaesthetics to have teeth removed

# Each year, hundreds of children in Slough require general anaesthetics to have teeth removed.

# 42% of 5-year olds in Slough had some decay in 2017

# Nationally the biggest cause of hospital admissions in 5-14-year olds, extractions in toddlers have increased by ¼ in 10 years. 170 operations take place each day

# Many of these were due to **preventable** tooth decay

