

Workforce Data Review April 2024 Data

Cheshire and Merseyside Local Dental Committees have reviewed the workforce data from April 2024 available at

<https://www.england.nhs.uk/statistics/statistical-work-areas/dental-workforce/>

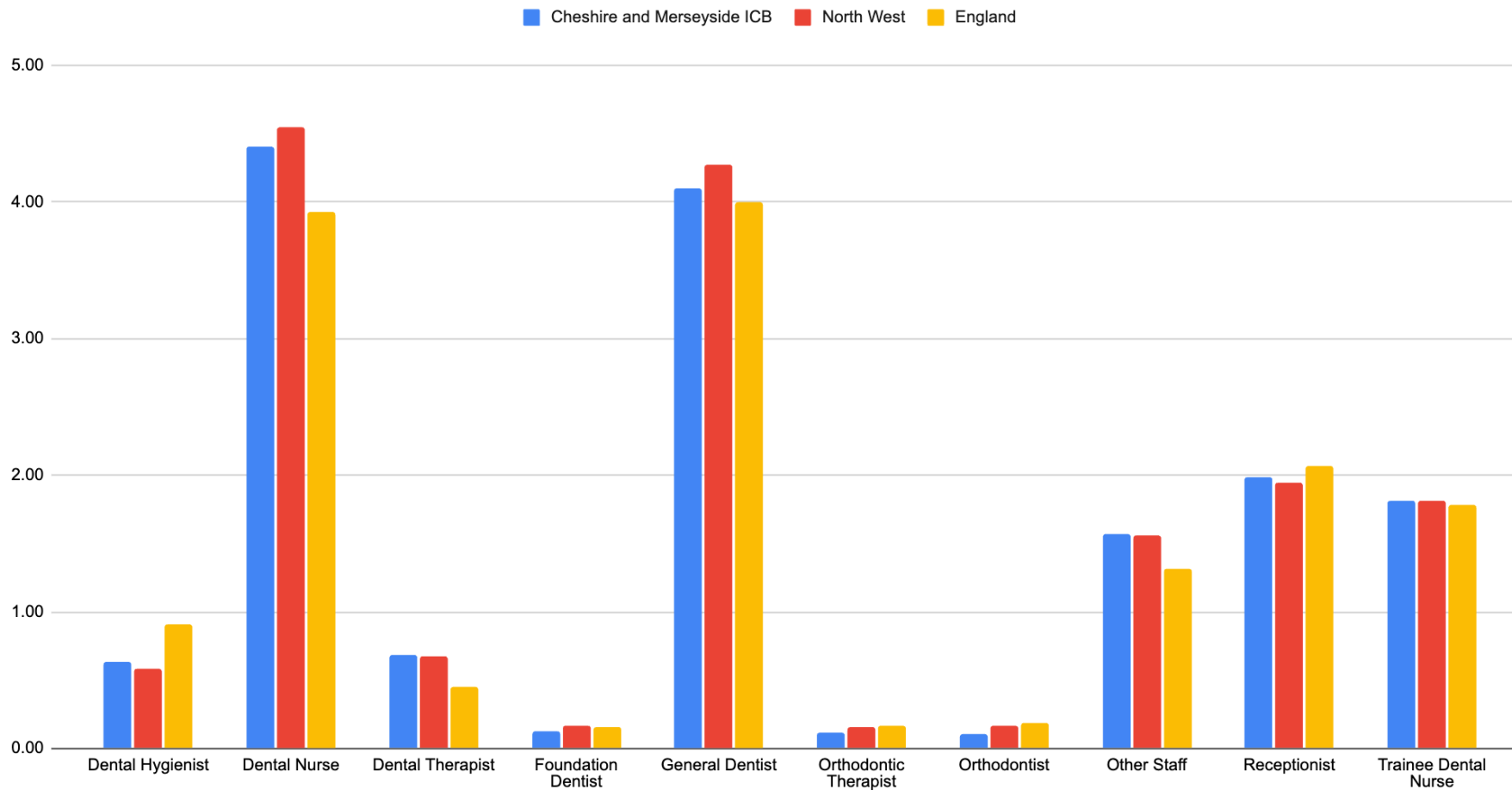
All dental providers in England who held either a General Dental Services (GDS) contract or Personal Dental Services (PDS) agreement to provide NHS care during the period covered by the collection were asked to provide data. The collection was carried out in May 2024 covering data as at the end of March 2024.

Summary

- Cheshire and Merseyside shows lower numbers of dentists and dental nurses per contract than the Northwest as a whole. However the number of dentists and dental nurses per contract is greater than England as a whole. There are fewer dental hygienists per contract than England, but slightly more than in the Northwest as a whole. See Graph 1 & Table 1.
- Cheshire and Merseyside shows a higher vacancy rate than the Northwest and England for NHS general dentists, dental therapists, and orthodontists. The vacancy rate for hygienists is significantly lower than the Northwest and England. See Graph 2 and Table 2.
- The average whole time equivalent vacancy in Cheshire and Merseyside is higher than the Northwest and England as a whole. See Graph 3 and Table 3.

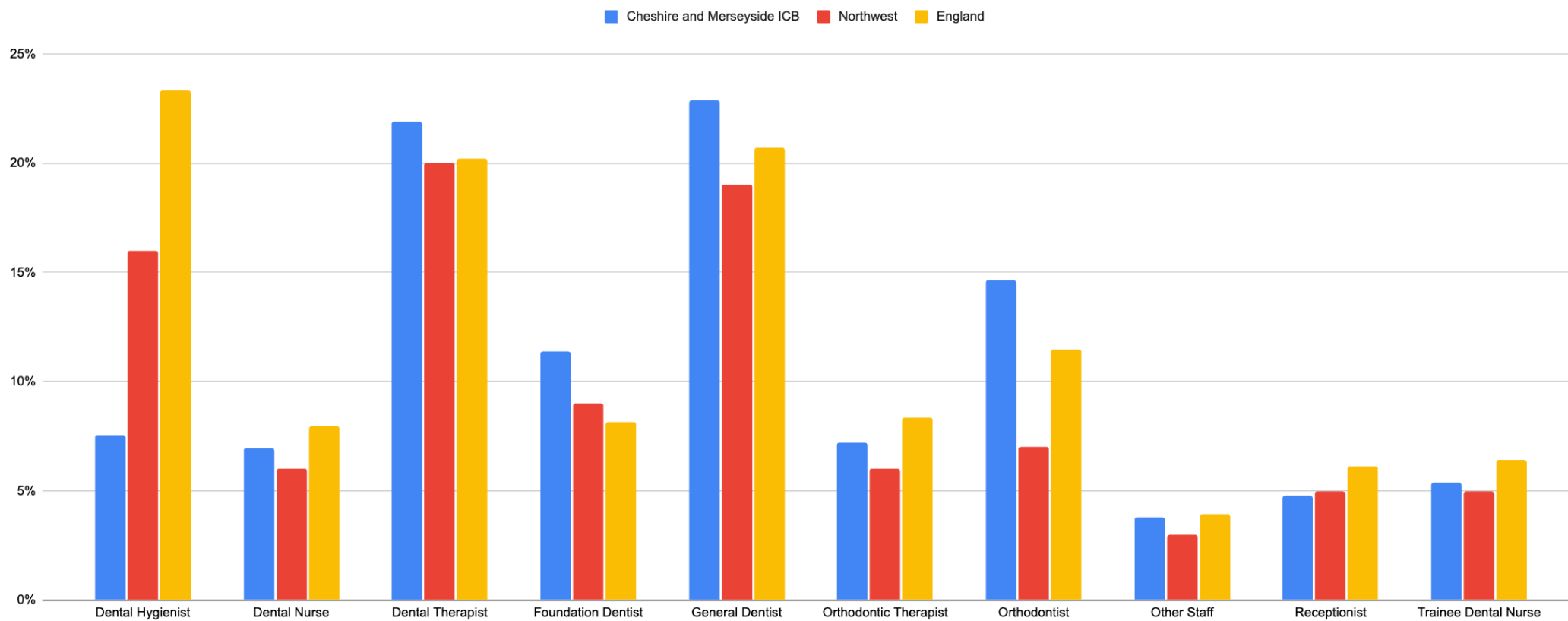
Graph 1

Average NHS roles per contract



Graph 2

NHS Vacancy Rate



Graph 3

NHS Average Whole Time Equivalent Vacancy Per Contract

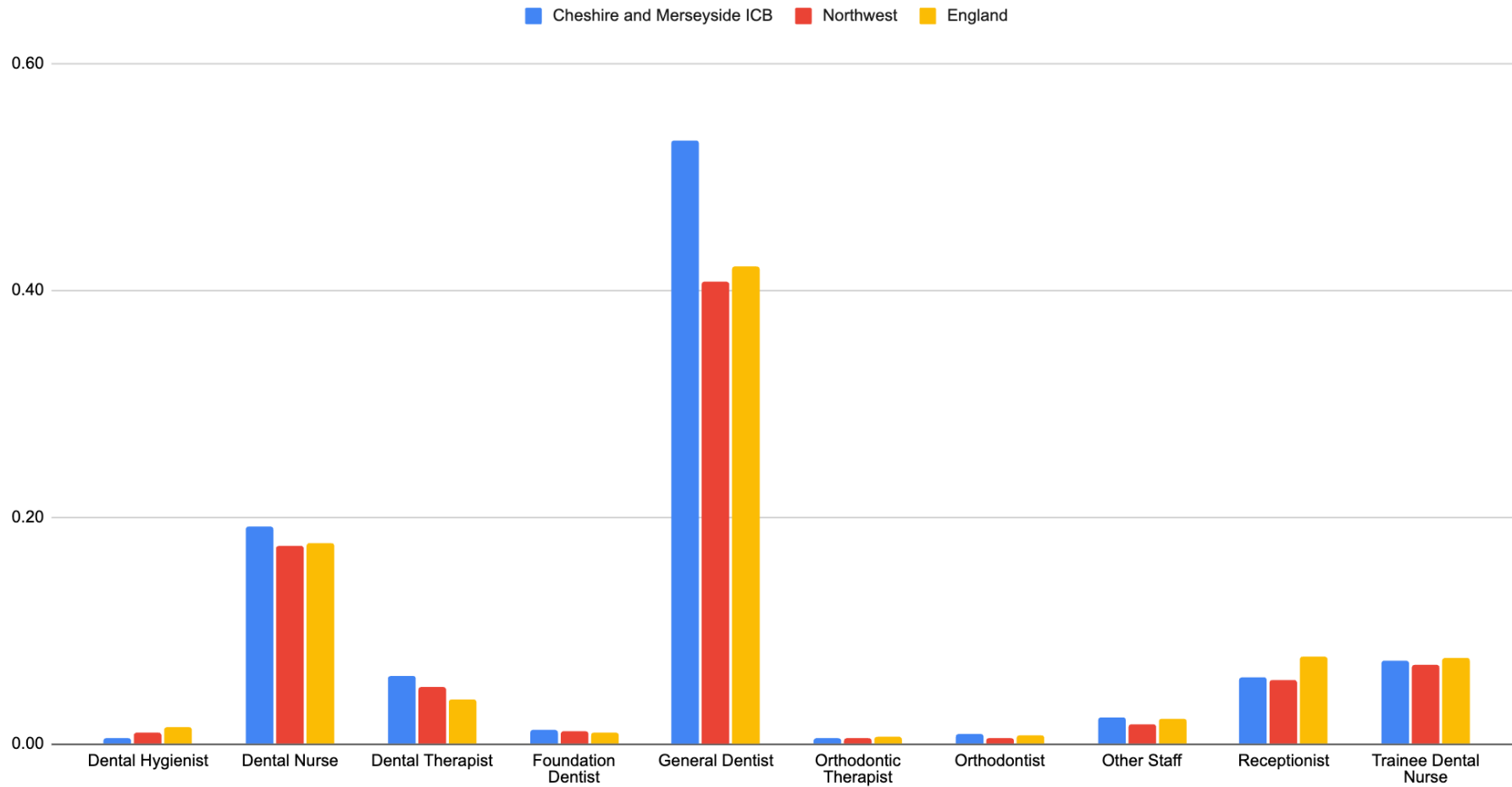


Table 1

<i>Role count per contract</i>	<i>Area</i>		
<i>Role</i>	Cheshire and Merseyside ICB	England	North West
Dental Hygienist	0.63	0.91	0.58
Dental Nurse	4.40	3.93	4.55
Dental Therapist	0.68	0.45	0.68
Foundation Dentist	0.13	0.15	0.17
General Dentist	4.10	4.00	4.27
Orthodontic Therapist	0.11	0.17	0.16
Orthodontist	0.10	0.19	0.17
Other Staff	1.57	1.32	1.56
Receptionist	1.98	2.07	1.95
Trainee Dental Nurse	1.82	1.78	1.81

Table 2

<i>NHS vacancy rate</i>	<i>Area</i>		
<i>Role</i>	Cheshire and Merseyside ICB	England	Northwest
Dental Hygienist	8%	23%	16%
Dental Nurse	7%	8%	6%
Dental Therapist	22%	20%	20%
Foundation Dentist	11%	8%	9%
General Dentist	23%	21%	19%
Orthodontic Therapist	7%	8%	6%
Orthodontist	15%	11%	7%
Other Staff	4%	4%	3%
Receptionist	5%	6%	5%
Trainee Dental Nurse	5%	6%	5%

Table 3

<i>WTE Vacancies per practice</i>	<i>Area</i>		
<i>Role</i>	Cheshire and Merseyside ICB	England	Northwest
Dental Hygienist	0.01	0.01	0.01
Dental Nurse	0.19	0.18	0.17
Dental Therapist	0.06	0.04	0.05
Foundation Dentist	0.01	0.01	0.01
General Dentist	0.53	0.42	0.41
Orthodontic Therapist	0.01	0.01	0.00
Orthodontist	0.01	0.01	0.00
Other Staff	0.02	0.02	0.02
Receptionist	0.06	0.08	0.06
Trainee Dental Nurse	0.07	0.08	0.07