

# Devolution in Dentistry

## A Northern Ireland Perspective



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## Devolution in NI

- Began in 1998
- Exercised through the NI Assembly
- 90 Elected members
- Legislates in “transferred matters”
- Role is to scrutinise and make decisions relating to the 8 NI Government departments

# The Dental System

- GDS: 1050 Practitioners, 1.7m Rx courses, £130m
- CDS: 110 practitioners, 40k Rx courses, £10m
- HDS: 74 practitioners, 20k Rx courses, £12M
- Pilot PDS available

## Current GDS Contract

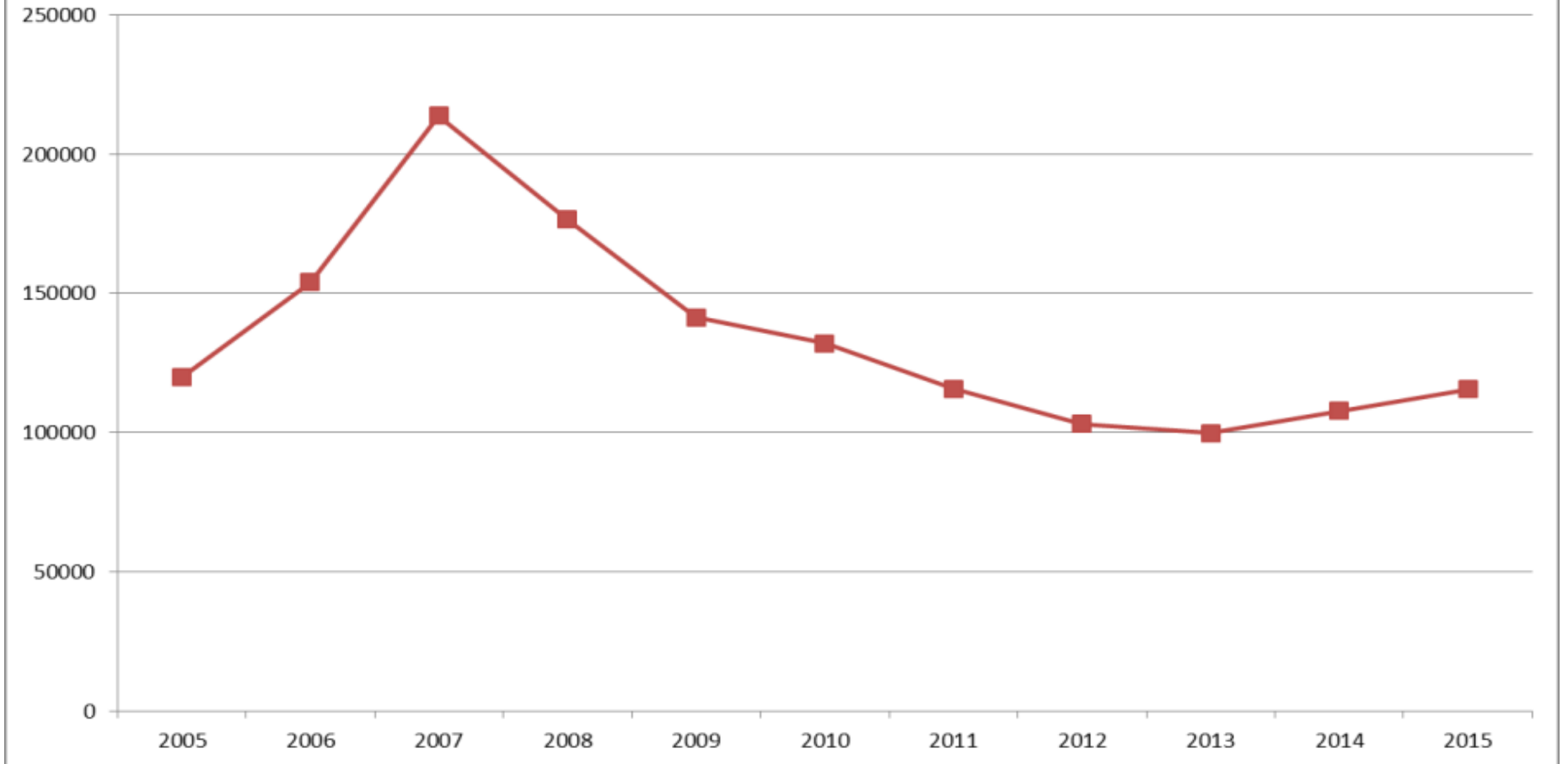
- 60% IoS; 20% capitation; 20% allowances
- Very open market
- Individual level contract only – limited list management
- Activity driven – cost control
- HS-private flexibility – access issues
- Complex for all

- The Ten Commandments - 83 words
- Declaration of Independence - 1,333 words
- The Communist Manifesto - 18,000 words
- NI GDS Contract - 62,960 words

# Controlling the GDS



## Average House Price in Northern Ireland by Year



- Data Source: House Price Index, Office for National Statistics

# Northern Ireland New Car Sales

Annual

80,000

Source: SMMT, \* 12 months to March 2018

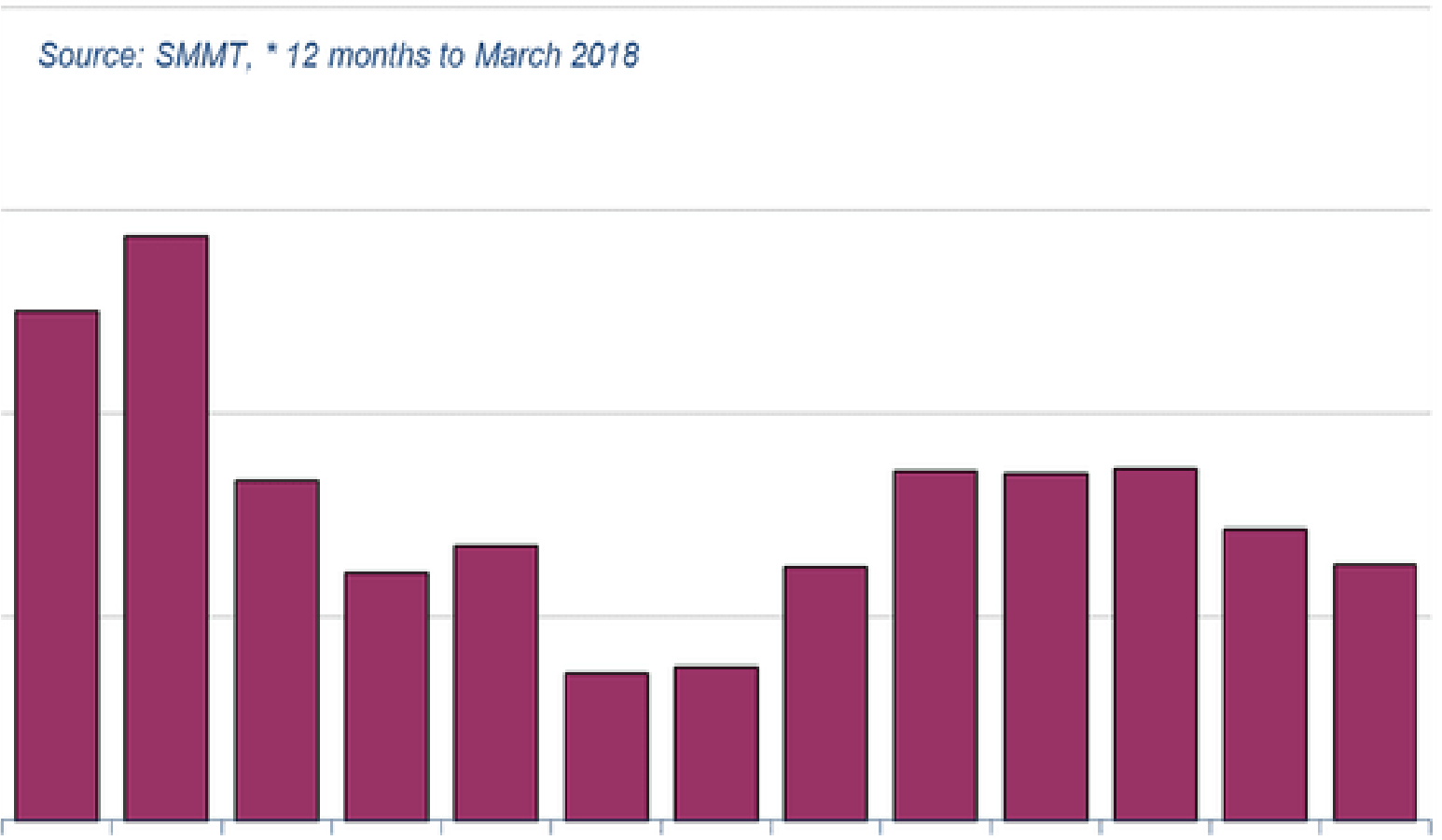
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60,000

50,000

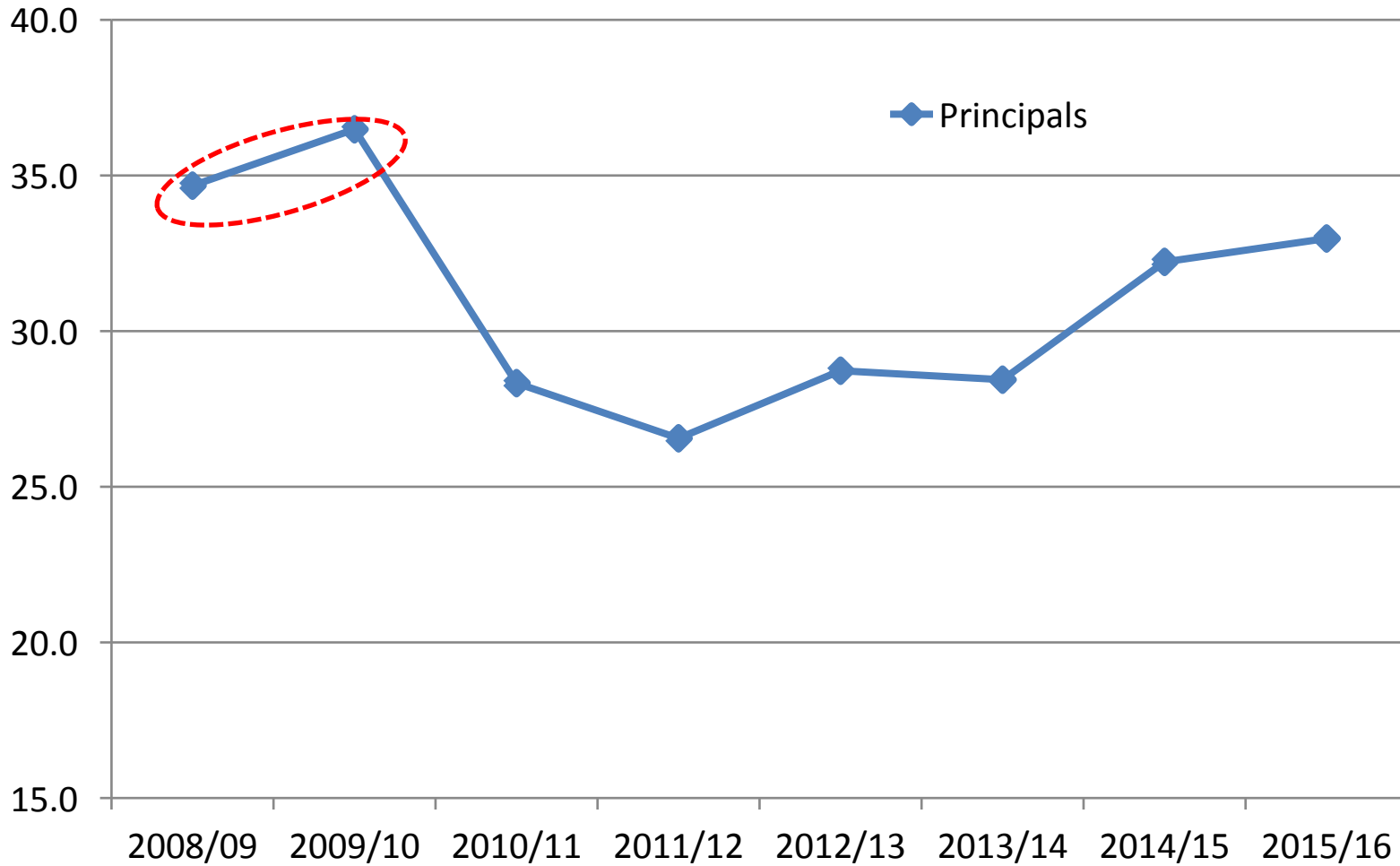
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2006 2007 2008 2009 2010 2011 2012 2013 2014 2015 2016 2017 2018\*



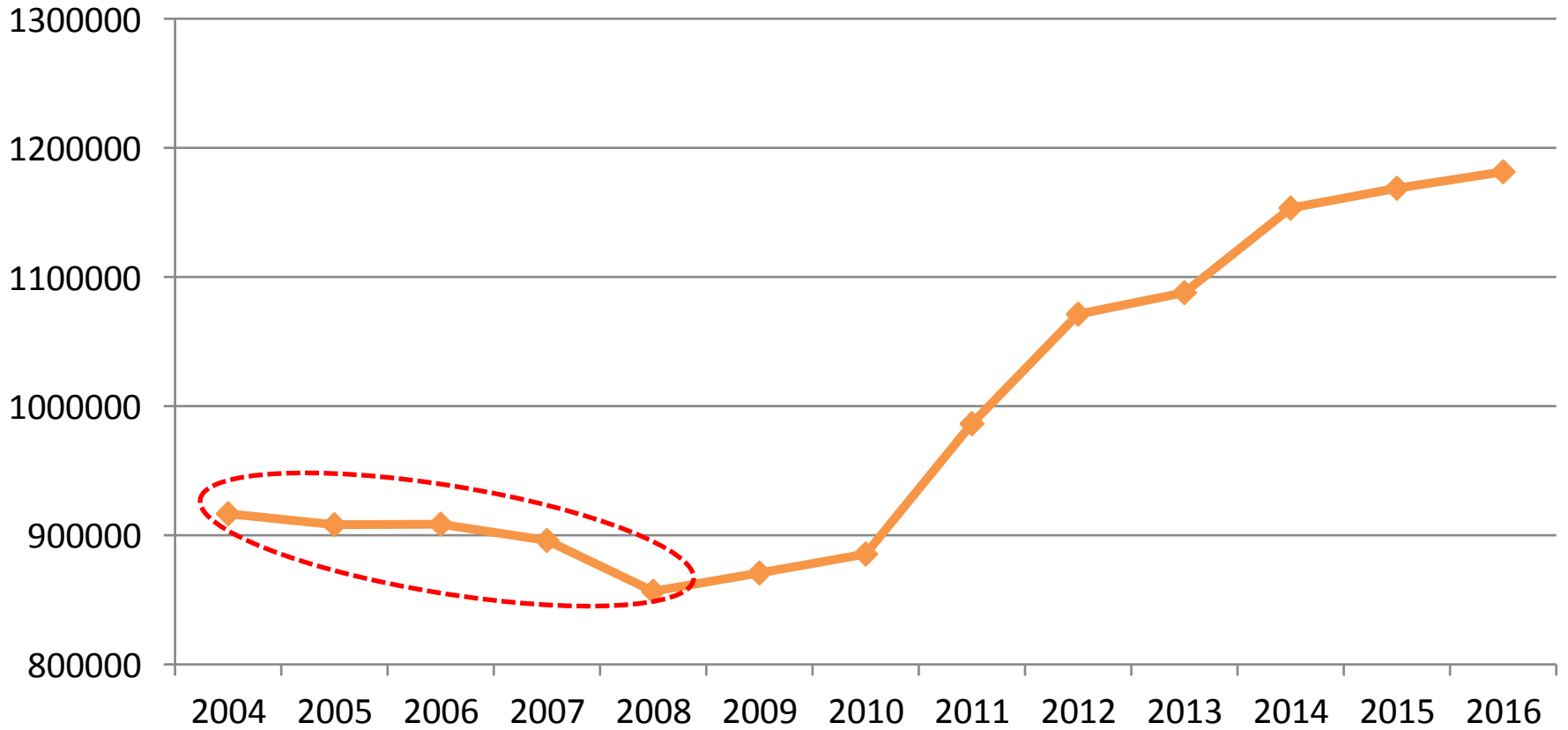


## % Time Spent on Private Work in Northern Ireland by Dentist Type



- Data Source: Dental Working Hours, NHS Digital

# Total Patients Registered with a GDP

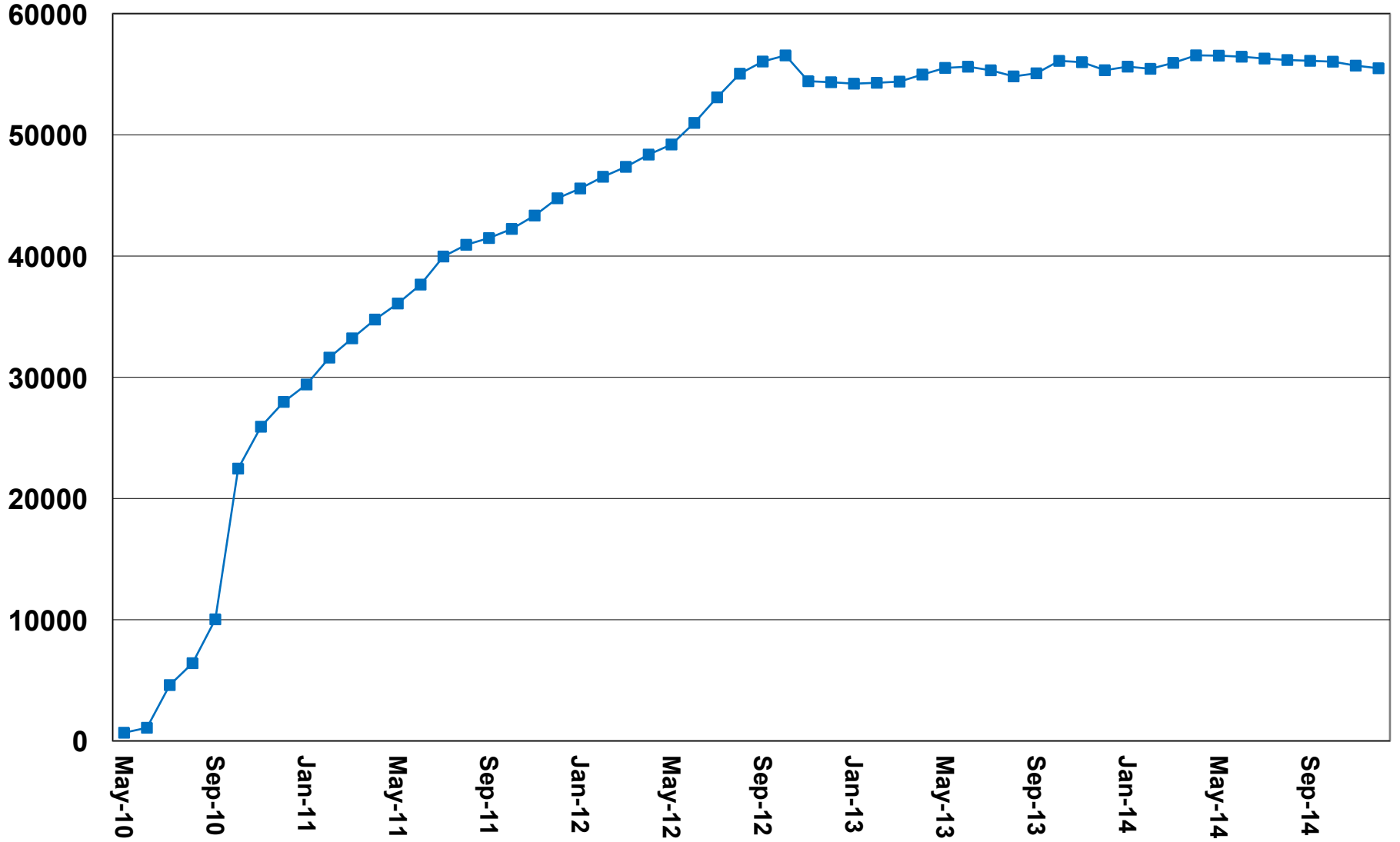


# The Oasis Experiment

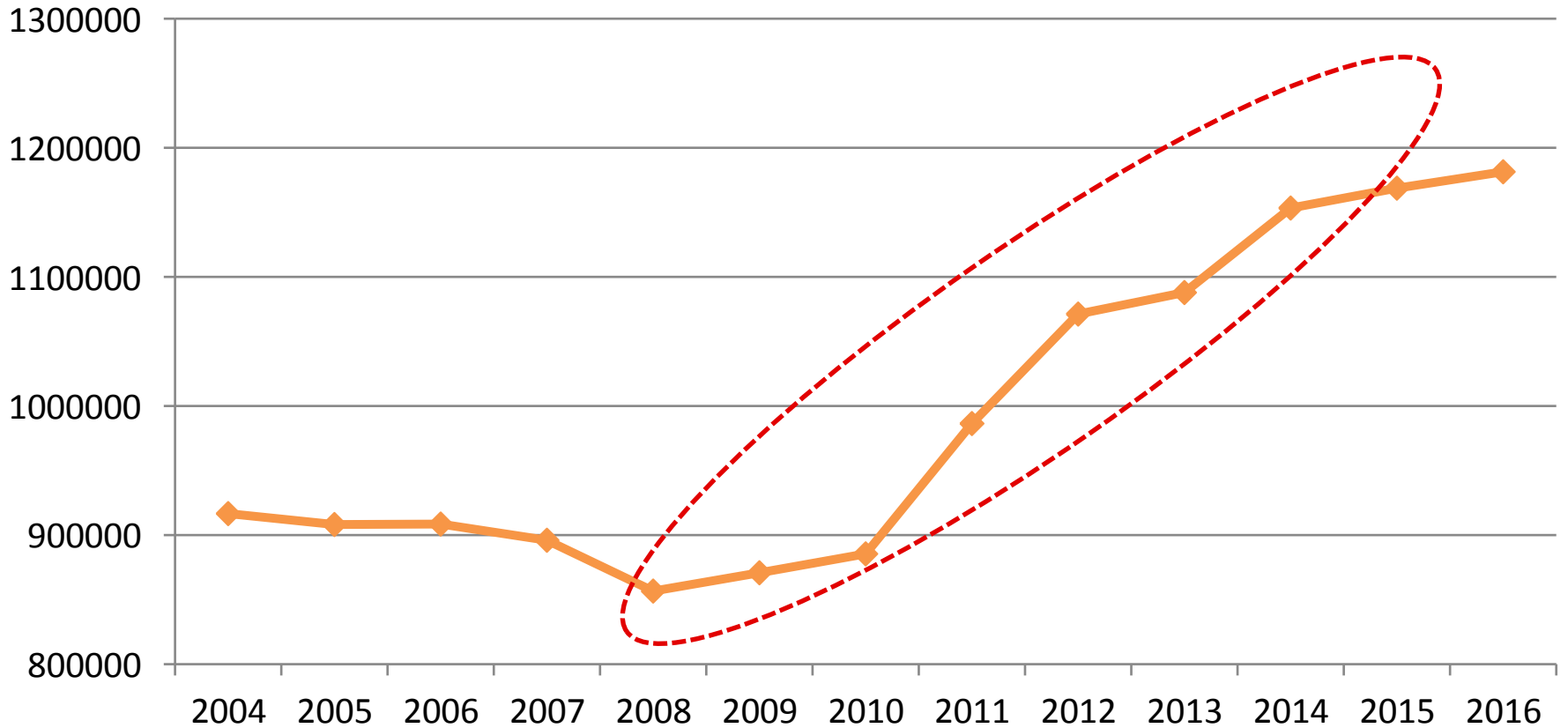
- In 2008 access to GDS declining
- Patient complaints, media and political interest
- Tender for 14 specified localities



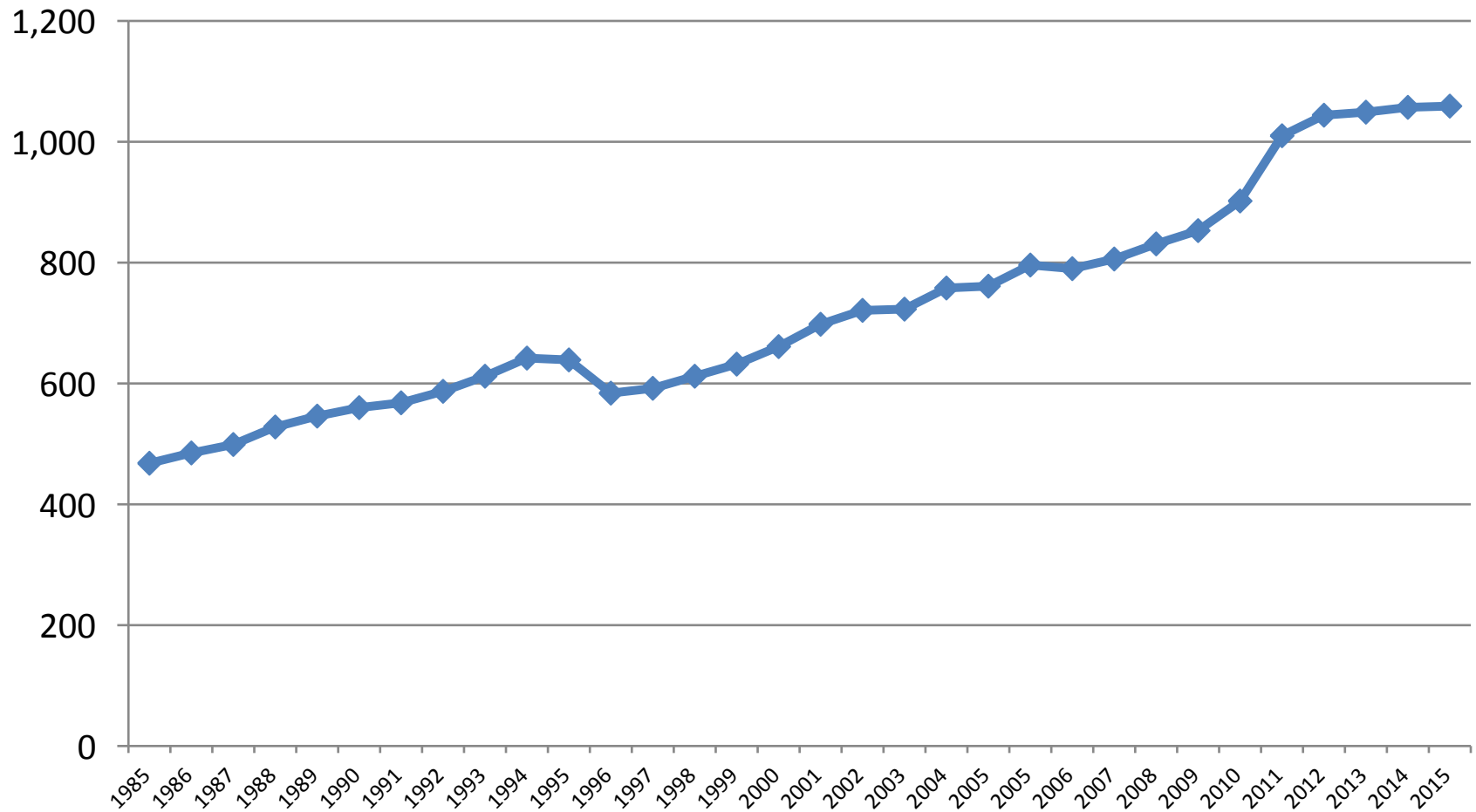
# Patient Registrations in Oasis Dental Practices



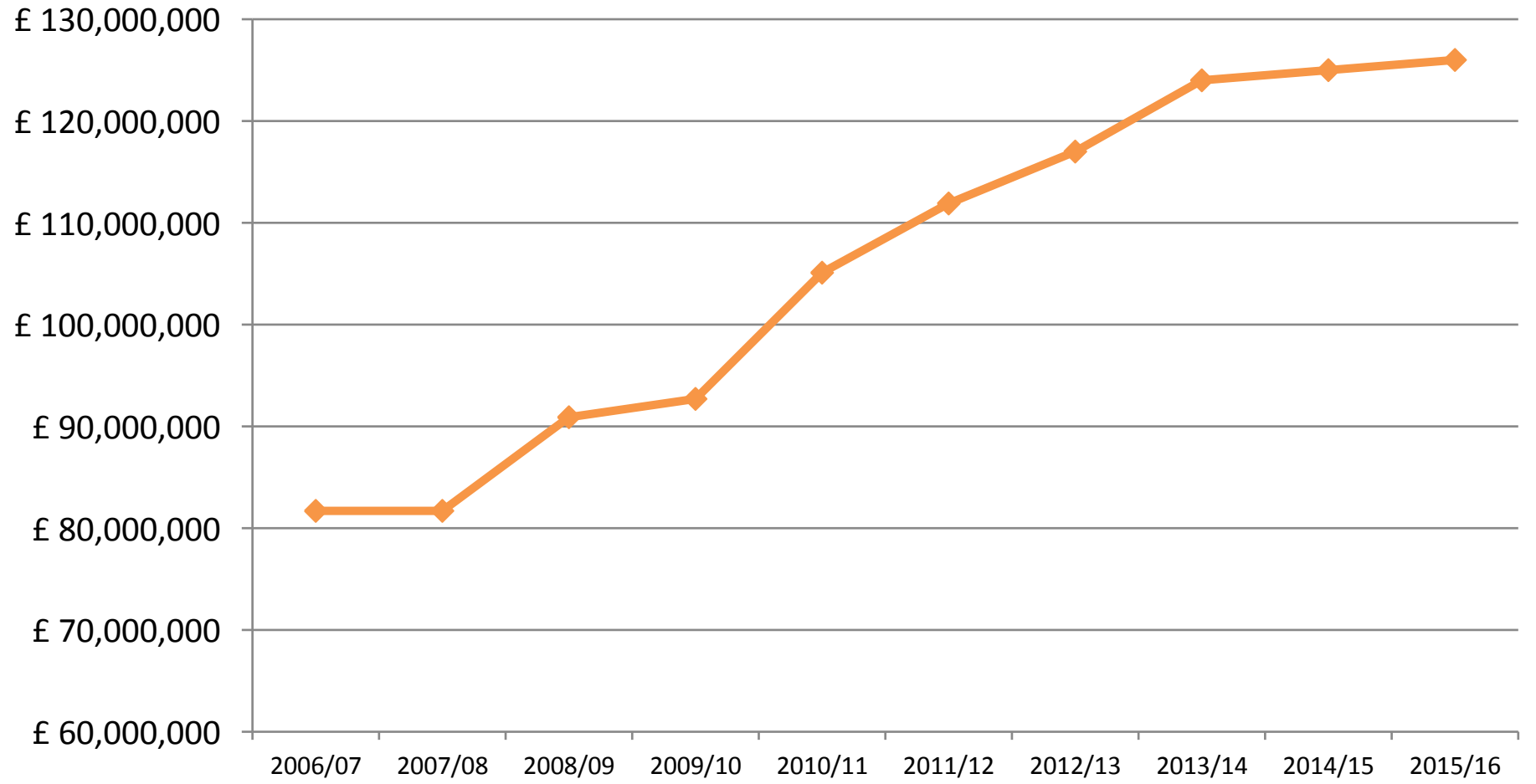
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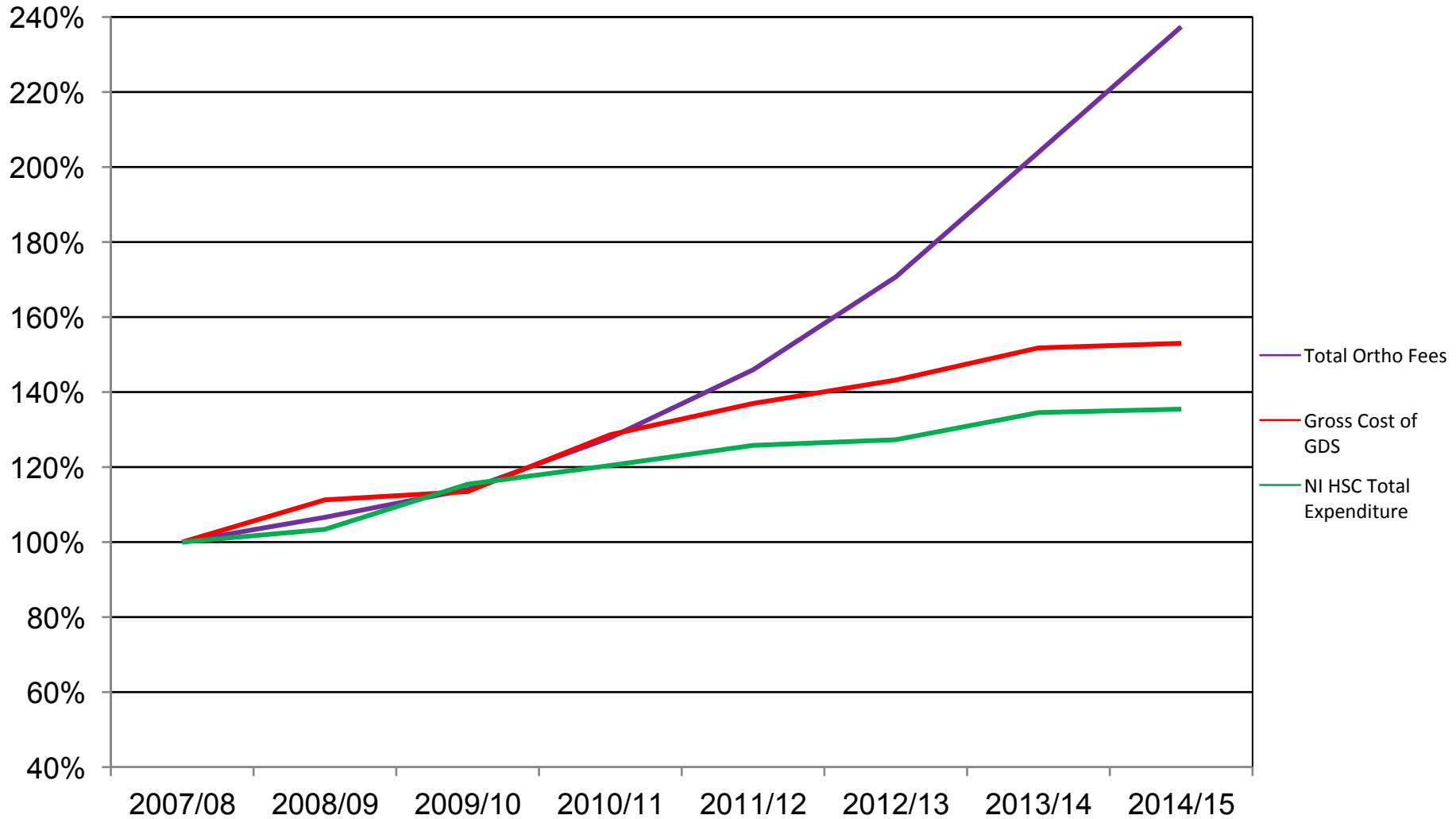
# Number of Northern Ireland GDPs



# Gross Cost of General Dental Services

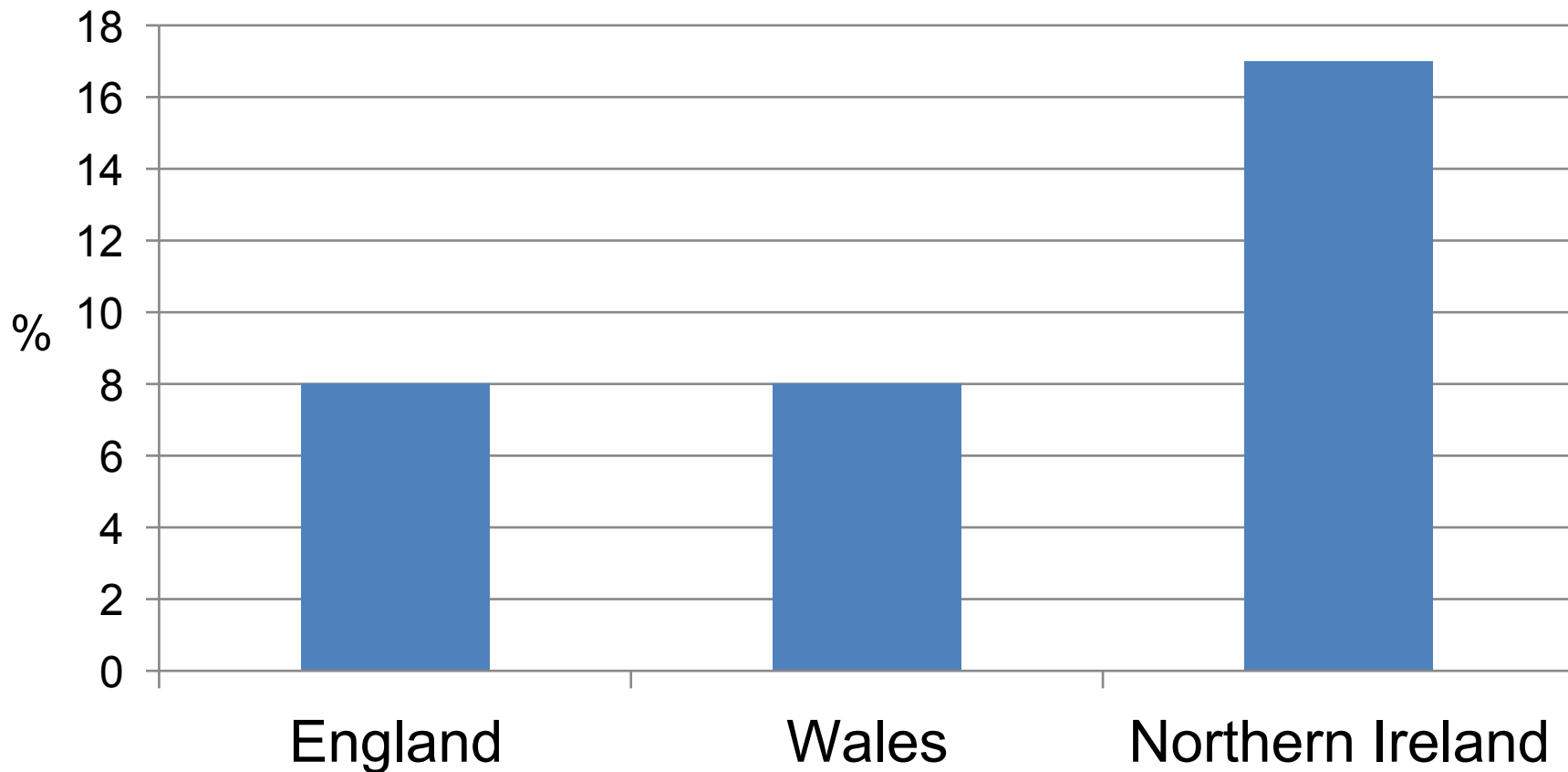


# Relative Change in Expenditure





# Percentage of 12 year olds undergoing orthodontic treatment (2013 CDHS)





Unemployment Levels

Population Demographics

Practice Expenses

Population Oral Health

Number of Dentists

GDS Activity /Spend

Opportunities for Private Work

SDR Changes

Value Placed on Dental Health

Regulatory Changes

Patient charges

Thank you for listening