

Revisions Policy for NHS data collected through Unify2

This revision protocol relates to the data collected through the Unify2 system and disseminated by the NHS England Analytical Service (Operations) team. All data collected may be revised; however, the range of published information covered by this policy is shown in the list below. This policy is consistent with the National Statistics Code of Practice and the UK Statistics Authority's guidance on revisions.

Dissemination

The publication of scheduled revised data will be via a statistical press notice every six months, released in line with NHS England's statistical release policy. Revisions to individual providers and commissioners will be reflected in the England and regional totals, and the impact on previously published data will be summarised on release. Explanations for any revisions will be made available on request.

Timing

We will normally publish revisions to the data on a six-monthly basis to dates that will be included in NHS England's Statistics 12-month publication plan. However, we reserve the right to make more frequent, unscheduled changes if necessary. Any significant revisions received after the revision period has closed will generally not be disseminated until the next scheduled revision.

Historic data

Revisions will relate usually to the six months prior to the revisions publication date. In exceptional circumstances revisions will go further back, if not doing so would materially distort the historical time series or would unduly impact on the assessment of an organisation's performance against a national target or standard.

Decisions about revisions

NHS England statisticians reserve the right to refuse any revisions that do not make material differences to published datasets.

Final decisions about publishing revised data will be taken after consultations with senior professional NHS England analysts. The normal pre-release procedure will apply to revisions.

Process for submitting revisions

Revision requests will be made to Unify2@dh.gsi.gov.uk or other team-specific email addresses where they exist. More detailed guidance for NHS organisations is posted on the Unify2 site itself.

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Unify2 data subject to scheduled revisions

Publication Title	Data Collection return
Accident and Emergency Waiting Times & Activity (Weekly A&E Sitreps)	WSitAE
Ambulance Quality Indicators (monthly)	AMBCO/AMBSYS
Bed Availability and Occupancy (quarterly)	KH03
Cancelled Operations (quarterly)	QMCO
Critical Care Bed Capacity and Urgent Operations Cancelled (monthly)	MSitrep
Delayed Transfers of Care (monthly)	MSitDT
Diagnostic Test Waiting Times & Activity (monthly)	DM01
Diagnostic Test Census (quarterly)	DiagCens
Imaging and radiodiagnostics (annual)	KH12
Direct Access Audiology waiting times (monthly)	ADWT
Hospital activity (monthly)	MAR
Hospital activity - inpatient elective admission events and outpatient referrals and attendances (quarterly)	QAR
Integrated Performance Measures Return (quarterly)	IPMR
Mental Health Community Teams Activity (quarterly)	MHPrvCom
Mixed Sex Accommodation Breaches (monthly)	MSA
Referral to Treatment Waiting Times (monthly)	18wksRTT/18wksADJ