

Statistical Press notice: NHS Inpatient and outpatient events

The following statistics were released today by NHS England:

NHS inpatient and outpatient waiting: elective admission events occurring during the quarter ending 31 December 2013

The figures for a quarter can be affected by the number of working days in that quarter however October to December 2012 and October to December 2013 both had 64 working days. This means that we have not needed to make adjustments for working days in the figures below.

The key points from the latest release are:

Inpatient Events

From Q3 2012/13 to Q3 2013/14 the number of decisions to admit has increased by 16,625 (1.1%) remaining at 1.5 million, similarly the number of elective admissions from the list has increased by 34,565 (2.6%) remaining at 1.3 million.

Outpatient Referrals and attendances

From Q3 2012/13 to Q3 2013/14 the number of GP referrals made has increased by 154,218 (5.3%) to 3.1 million and the number of other referrals made has increased by 35,343 (1.9%) remaining at 1.9 million.

From Q3 2012/13 to Q3 2013/14 first attendances at consultant outpatient clinics have increased by 19,219 (0.4%) remaining at 4.4 million and total attendances increased by 241,257 (1.8%) to 14.0 million.

Did not attend (DNA) rate for first outpatients appointment for Q3 2013/14 was 8.5% compared to 8.6% for Q3 2012/13.

The Whittington Hospital NHS Trust did not submit data for this quarter.

Full tables are available here

<http://www.england.nhs.uk/statistics/hospital-activity/quarterly-hospital-activity/qar-data/>

Notes to Editors

This dataset covers some key aspects of inpatient and outpatient activity in the NHS.

Provider and Commissioner based data

Commissioner based returns reflect data on a responsible population basis, which is defined as:

- all those patients resident within the Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) boundary; plus
- all patients registered with GPs who are members of the CCG but are resident in another CCG; minus
- All patients resident in the CCG but registered with a GP who is a member of another CCG

Commissioner based returns also include data for specialised commissioning. These are separate from the CCGs as there are different arrangements for commissioning specialised services.

Provider based returns cover patients who were treated in hospitals in England.

Feedback welcomed

We welcome feedback on the content and presentation of these statistics within this Statistical Press Notice and those published on the NHS England website. If anyone has any comments on this, or any other issues regarding the data and statistics, then please email:

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Additional Information

Full details of activity data for individual organisations is available at:
<http://www.england.nhs.uk/statistics/hospital-activity/quarterly-hospital-activity/>

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