



**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<sup>st</sup> March 2015**

The figures for a quarter can be affected by the number of working days, and data are adjusted for this where appropriate, to allow comparison on a like-for-like basis. January to March 2014 and January 2015 to March 2015 both had 63 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 Q4 2013/14 to Q4 2014/15 the number of decisions to admit increased by 56,469 (3.8%) to 1.6 million. The number of elective admissions from the list increased by 24,693 (1.8%) to 1.4 million.

**Outpatient Referrals and attendances**

From Q4 2013/14 to Q4 2014/15 the number of GP referrals made increased by 61,937 (1.9%) to 3.3 million and the number of other referrals made decreased by 28,880 (-1.5%) to 1.9 million.

From Q4 2013/14 to Q4 2014/15 first attendances at consultant outpatient clinics increased by 96,861 (2.2%) to 4.5 million and total attendances increased by 240,586 (1.7%) to 14.5 million.

Did not attend (DNA) rate for first outpatients appointment for Q4 2014/15 was 8.4% compared to 8.0% for Q4 2013/14.

The Heart of England NHS Foundation Trust and Leicestershire Partnership NHS Trust did not submit data for this quarter.

Full tables are available at the following link:

<http://www.england.nhs.uk/statistics/hospital-activity/quarterly-hospital-activity/gar-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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