

## **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 2014**

The figures for a quarter can be affected by the number of working days in that quarter however January to March 2013 and January to March 2014 both had 62 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 2012/13 to Q4 2013/14 the number of decisions to admit increased by 66,444 (4.7%) to 1.5 million. The number of elective admissions from the list increased by 88,713 (6.9%) to 1.4 million.

#### **Outpatient Referrals and attendances**

From Q4 2012/13 to Q4 2013/14 the number of GP referrals made increased by 248,801 (8.4%) to 3.2 million and the number of other referrals made increased by 44,832 (2.4%) to 1.9 million.

From Q4 2012/13 to Q4 2013/14 first attendances at consultant outpatient clinics increased by 125,589 (2.9%) to 4.4 million and total attendances increased by 556,226 (4.1%) to 14.1 million.

Did not attend (DNA) rate for first outpatients appointment for Q4 2013/14 was 8.0% compared to 8.5% for Q4 2012/13.

The Whittington Hospital NHS Trust and Derby Hospitals NHS Foundation 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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