

STATISTICAL PRESS NOTICE MONTHLY DELAYED TRANSFERS OF CARE DATA, ENGLAND, JUNE

Main Findings – June 2015:

Delayed Transfers of Care

- There were 139,600 total delayed days in June 2015, of which 91,100 were in acute care. This is an increase from June 2014, where there were 124,100 total delayed days, of which 81,200 were in acute care.
- 61.5% of all delays in June 2015 were attributable to the NHS. 31.4% were attributable to Social Care and the remaining 7.1% were attributable to both NHS and Social Care.
- The proportion of delays attributable to Social Care has increased over the last year to 31.4% in June 2015, compared to 24.7% in June 2014.
- The main reason for NHS delays was June 2015 “patients awaiting further non-acute NHS care”. This accounted for 25,500 delayed days (29.6% of all NHS delays). There had been a decreasing trend in the number of delays attributable to this reason since January 2015, although the number of delays increased slightly this month.
- The main reason for Social Care delays in June 2015 was “patients awaiting care package in their own home”. This accounted for 15,000 delayed days (34.3% of all Social Care delays), compared to 7,400 in June 2014.
- Delays can occur in either an acute or non-acute care setting. The proportion of delays occurring in acute care in June 2015 was 65.3% compared to 65.4% in June 2014. In the last 12 months, there was an increase in the proportion of delays occurring in acute care. This has now fallen back to a similar proportion to last year.
- There were 5,000 patients delayed at midnight on the last Thursday of June 2015, of which 3,300 were acute patients. This compares to 4,400 patients, including 2,900 acute patients, that were delayed at midnight on the last Thursday of June 2014.
- Norfolk and Suffolk NHS Foundation Trust did not submit data this month.

Table 1 shows information on delayed transfers of care from June 2012 to June 2015.

Table 2 shows the number of delayed transfers of care by type of care, reason for delay and responsible organisation for June 2015.

Details of delayed transfers of care data for individual organisations are available at:
<http://www.england.nhs.uk/statistics/delayed-transfers-of-care/delayed-transfers-of-care-data-2015-16/>

Table 1 –Delayed Transfers of Care – June 2012 to June 2015

Month	Delayed Transfers of Care	
	Patients Delayed	Total Days Delayed
June 2012	4,086	110,348
July 2012	4,031	117,200
August 2012	3,961	120,094
September 2012	4,102	114,264
October 2012	4,115	116,881
November 2012	3,894	116,169
December 2012	3,448	107,652
January 2013	4,188	125,716
February 2013	4,007	109,180
March 2013	4,053	115,158
April 2013	4,046	113,297
May 2013	4,184	120,550
June 2013	3,888	112,984
July 2013	3,961	111,951
August 2013	4,084	122,337
September 2013	4,231	118,864
October 2013	4,147	123,852
November 2013	4,200	116,932
December 2013	3,649	112,629
January 2014	4,221	124,289
February 2014	4,276	112,845
March 2014	4,327	123,061
April 2014	4,207	116,261
May 2014	4,516	126,779
June 2014	4,363	124,118
July 2014	4,612	133,903
August 2014	4,704	137,613
September 2014	4,960	138,267
October 2014	4,930	142,927
November 2014	5,063	140,949
December 2014	4,475	139,025
January 2015	5,221	150,413
February 2015	4,946	134,458
March 2015	4,946	140,307
April 2015	4,742	138,011
May 2015	4,970	136,923
June 2015	4,999	139,577

Notes:

1. A change from weekly to monthly data in Aug-10 led to data quality issues with the first few months of delayed transfers of care data in the monthly collection.
2. Information on the numbers of people delayed on the last Thursday of the reporting period and the total number of Delayed Days are not directly comparable because the first is a 'snapshot' and the second a cumulative total.

Table 2 – Delayed Transfers of Care by Type of Care, Reason for Delay and Responsible Organisation – June 2015

Type of Care	Reason For Delay	Patients Delayed			Total Days Delayed		
		NHS	Social Care	Both	NHS	Social Care	Both
Acute	A) Awaiting completion of assessment	432	199	106	10747	4607	2585
	B) Awaiting public funding	45	33	1	1518	792	72
	C) Awaiting further non-acute NHS care (including intermediate care, rehabilitation services etc)	826	NA	NA	22155	NA	NA
	Dii) Awaiting nursing home placement or availability	230	129	35	6997	3588	965
	Di) Awaiting residential home placement or availability	81	118	NA	2150	3614	NA
	E) Awaiting care package in own home	142	301	68	4072	8287	2342
	F) Awaiting community equipment and adaptations	70	9	4	1897	170	162
	G) Patient or family choice	366	34	NA	10806	1105	NA
	H) Disputes	25	3	NA	880	95	NA
	I) Housing – patients not covered by NHS and Community Care Act	54	NA	NA	1498	NA	NA
Non-Acute	A) Awaiting completion of assessment	98	83	42	2761	2388	968
	B) Awaiting public funding	41	49	30	1064	1317	786
	C) Awaiting further non-acute NHS care (including intermediate care, rehabilitation services etc)	110	NA	NA	3306	NA	NA
	Dii) Awaiting nursing home placement or availability	68	110	38	2281	3539	943
	Di) Awaiting residential home placement or availability	127	201	NA	3447	5745	NA
	E) Awaiting care package in own home	57	203	39	1733	6740	1025
	F) Awaiting community equipment and adaptations	21	17	4	765	330	93
	G) Patient or family choice	164	42	NA	4427	1083	NA
	H) Disputes	16	14	NA	489	359	NA
	I) Housing – patients not covered by NHS and Community Care Act	114	NA	NA	2884	NA	NA

Notes:

1. NA means the combination of reason and responsible organisation is not permitted.
2. Information on the numbers of people delayed on the last Thursday of the reporting period and the total number of Delayed Days are not directly comparable because the first is a 'snapshot' and the second a cumulative total.

Statistical Notes to Editors

1. Delayed Transfers of Care data

A delayed transfer of care occurs when a patient is medically fit for discharge from acute or non-acute care and is still occupying a bed. For a more detailed definition please read the guidance on NHS England's website at:
<http://www.england.nhs.uk/statistics/delayed-transfers-of-care/>

Data on the number of patients with a delayed transfers of care is a monthly snapshot taken at midnight on the last Thursday of each month and can fluctuate from month to month. Data on the number of delayed days is a cumulative figure for the month and therefore, the two are not comparable.

Data on delayed transfers of care is collected from providers of NHS funded care and is split by:

- Local Authority that is responsible for each patient delayed
- Agency responsible for delay (NHS, Social Services or both)
- Type of care that the patient receives (acute or non-acute)
- Reason for delay

A detailed breakdown of the data can be found on NHS England's website in CSV format at:

<http://www.england.nhs.uk/statistics/delayed-transfers-of-care/delayed-transfers-of-care-data-2015-16/>

2. Trust and Local Authority level data

Delayed transfers of care data covers NHS patients in English Hospitals, who may or may not reside in England and is published on both a trust and Local Authority basis.

Trust level reflects data at organisation level for those organisations that provide NHS funded care, for example acute Trusts, community providers, mental health trusts and Social Enterprise organisations.

Local Authority data reflects data on a regional population basis, i.e. Councils with Adult Social Services Responsibility (CASSRs) that are responsible for all patients who reside in their region.

3. Data Quality

Monthly delayed transfers of care data has been collected and published since August 2010. Prior to August 2010, data was collected weekly and was un-validated management information.

Delayed transfers of care data published during the early months of the collection from August 2010 to October 2010 should be treated with a degree of caution as a change from a weekly to a monthly data collection led to data quality issues. Since October 2010, there has been a significant improvement in the coverage and accuracy of this data.

4. Data Availability

Delayed Transfers of Care data is published approximately 6 weeks after the end of the reference period. The next publication of this report and accompanying data will be 10th September 2015

5. Revisions

Revisions to previous month's data are made in line with NHS England's revisions protocol for performance monitoring data. Future revisions will be made on a six monthly cycle. The revisions protocol can be found on the NHS England website at: <http://www.england.nhs.uk/statistics/code-compliance/>

6. Feedback Welcomed

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