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STATISTICAL PRESS NOTICE

The following statistics were released today by NHS England:

Bed Availability and Occupancy – Quarter ending 30th June, 2017:

The KH03 is a Quarterly collection from all NHS organisations that operate beds, ordinary or day case. It collects the total number of available bed days and the total number of occupied bed days by consultant main specialty. The main findings are summarised below.

Occupancy Rates

- The average occupancy rate for all beds open overnight was 87.1% in Quarter 1 2017/18 compared with 89.0% in Quarter 4 2016/17.
- The average occupancy rate for general and acute beds open overnight was 89.1% in Quarter 1 2017/18 compared with 91.4% in Quarter 4 2016/17.

Bed Numbers

The following four comparisons **do not** take account of **missing data** and caution should therefore be exercised.

- The average daily number of beds open overnight was 129,978 in Quarter 1 2017/18 compared with 131,060 in Quarter 4 2016/17.
- The average daily number of general and acute beds open overnight was 102,609 in Quarter 1 2017/18 compared with 103,666 in Quarter 4 2016/17.
- The average daily number of general and acute beds open overnight was 102,609 in Quarter 1 2017/18 compared with 102,812 in Quarter 1 2016/17.
- The average daily number of day only beds was 12,348 in Quarter 1 2017/18 compared with 12,659 in Quarter 4 2016/17.

Missing data

West Suffolk NHS Foundation Trust (RGR) did not submit a return during Quarter 1 2017/18.

Gloucestershire Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust (RTE) did not submit a return during Quarter 4 2016/17.

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The national bed numbers are impacted by these missing trusts.

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The national time series excluding West Suffolk and making an estimate for Gloucestershire in Quarter 4 2016-17 is as follows:

- The estimated average number of general and acute beds open overnight was 102,609 in Quarter 1 2017/18 compared with 104,138 in Quarter 4 2016/17 and 102,812 in Quarter 1 2016/17.
- The Quarter 4 estimate above was calculated by adding an estimated total for Gloucestershire based on the number of available G&A beds submitted in Quarter 4 2015/16 (932 beds). This generates a different Quarter 4 total compared to the previous publication, but allows comparison on a like for like basis.

The occupancy rates exclude these trusts and so are unaffected by the non-submissions.

Notes to Editors

This dataset covers the number of beds for each NHS provider that are available for patients to have treatment or care.

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 are available at:

<http://www.england.nhs.uk/statistics/bed-availability-and-occupancy/>

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