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STATISTICAL PRESS NOTICE

The following statistics were released today by NHS England:

Bed Availability and Occupancy – Quarter ending 31st December 2016:

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 88.3% in Quarter 3 2016/17 compared with 87.5% in Quarter 2 2016/17.
- The average occupancy rate for general and acute beds open overnight was 90.5% in Quarter 3 2016/17 compared with 89.1% in Quarter 2 2016/17.
- The all bed occupancy rate and general and acute occupancy rate are the highest Quarter 3 rates recorded for both respective bed types since quarterly data was first collected in 2010/11.

Bed Numbers

The following 4 comparisons **do not** take account of **missing data** and caution should therefore be exercised.

- The average daily number of beds open overnight was 129,083 in Quarter 3 2016/17 compared with 129,458 in Quarter 2 2016/17.
- The average daily number of general and acute beds open overnight was 101,386 in Quarter 3 2016/17 compared with 101,589 in Quarter 2 2016/17.
- The average daily number of general and acute beds open overnight was 101,386 in Quarter 3 2016/17 compared with 101,974 in Quarter 3 2016/17.
- The average daily number of day only beds was 12,271 in Quarter 3 2016/17 compared with 12,480 in Quarter 2 2016/17.

Missing data

In Quarter 3, two trusts did not submit data:

- West Suffolk NHS Foundation Trust (RGR)
 - with an estimated 449 general and acute beds
- Gloucestershire Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust (RTE)
 - with an estimated 918 general and acute beds

Therefore, the national bed numbers are impacted by these missing trusts.

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Taking previous submissions into account to make estimates for the two missing trusts

- the estimated average number of general and acute beds open overnight was 102,753 in Quarter 3 2016/17 compared with 102,039 in Quarter 2 2016/17 and 101,974 in Quarter 3 2015/16.
- The apparent loss of 588 general and acute beds since Quarter 3 2015/16 is due to the impact of non-submissions on the England level data. Based on previous submissions, we estimate there has been an increase of 779 general and acute beds compared to Quarter 3 2015/16.

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

Revisions

We have processed revisions received for data from Quarter 1 2015-16 to Quarter 3 2015-16, inclusive. All published data has been updated to reflect this.

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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