



**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 31st March 2016**

The figures for a quarter can be affected by the number of working days, for example January to March 2015 had 63 working days but January to March 2016 had 62 working days. Data are adjusted for this where appropriate, to allow comparison on a like-for-like basis.

The key points from the latest release are:

Inpatient Events

From Q4 2014/15 to Q4 2015/16 the number of decisions to admit increased by 16,751 (2.7%) to 1.6 million. The number of elective admissions from the list increased by 14,169 (2.6%) to 1.4 million.

Outpatient Referrals and attendances

From Q4 2014/15 to Q4 2015/16 the number of GP referrals made increased by 191,841 (7.5%) to 3.5 million and the number of other referrals made increased by 152,851 (9.9%) to 2.0 million.

From Q4 2014/15 to Q4 2015/16 first attendances at consultant outpatient clinics increased by 191,945 (5.9%) to 4.7 million and total attendances increased by 408,549 (4.5%) to 14.9 million.

Did not attend (DNA) rate for first outpatient appointments was 8.4% for Q4 2014/15 and 8.5% for Q4 2015/16.

Full tables are available at the following link:

<http://www.england.nhs.uk/statistics/hospital-activity/quarterly-hospital-activity/qar-data/>

Notes to Editors

This publication no longer has National Statistics status. User need is likely to be met by other official statistics outputs in the future and NHS England's resources will be focussed on these outputs rather than investing further in meeting the Requirements from Assessment Report 228.

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 Unify2@dh.gsi.gov.uk

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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