

The August 2013 data for the **Dementia Assessment and Referral** data collection in England by NHS England were released on 6th November 2013 according to the arrangements approved by the UK Statistics Authority.

Dementia Assessment and Referral data collection – August 2013

Key points

The key results for data collected on the number and proportion of patients aged 75 and over admitted as an emergency for more than 72 hours who have been identified as potentially having dementia, who are appropriately assessed and, where appropriate, were referred on to specialist services are as follows:

- 78% of admitted patients were initially assessed for potential dementia in August 2013, the same percentage as in July 2013.
- 90% of admitted patients potentially having dementia were appropriately assessed in August 2013, an increase of 1 percentage point from 89% in July 2013.
- 92% of appropriately assessed patients were referred on to specialist services in August 2013, an increase of 3 percentage points from 89% in July 2013.
- The percentages of trusts in August 2013 achieving 90% or over of their emergency admissions for these measures were:
 - 59% of the trusts carried out initial assessments for cases of dementia, a decrease of 1 percentage point from 60% in July 2013;
 - 69% carried out further diagnoses, an increase of 5 percentage points from 64% in July 2013;
 - 70% referred cases on to specialist services, the same percentage as in July 2013;
 - 76 trusts achieved 90% in all three measures, an increase from 68 trusts in July 2013.
- The number of data returns submitted by NHS providers of acute funded care has decreased slightly to 138 in August 2013 from 139 in July 2013.

The full data tables can be found in the NHS England website:

<http://www.england.nhs.uk/statistics/dementia/>