

The October 2013 data for the **Dementia Assessment and Referral** data collection in England by NHS England were released on 8th January 2014 according to the arrangements approved by the UK Statistics Authority.

Dementia Assessment and Referral data collection – October 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:

- 76 trusts achieved at least 90% in all three measures, an increase from 73 trusts in September 2013.
- 80% of admitted patients were initially assessed for potential dementia in October 2013, the same percentage as in September 2013.
- 90% of admitted patients potentially having dementia were appropriately assessed in October 2013, an increase in 1 percentage point from 89% in September 2013.
- 90% of appropriately assessed patients were referred on to specialist services in October 2013, a decrease of 2 percentage points from 92% in September 2013.
- The percentage of trusts in October 2013 achieving at least 90% in each measure was as follows:
 - 65% of the trusts carried out initial assessments for cases of dementia, an increase of 2 percentage points from 63% in September 2013;
 - 69% carried out further diagnoses, a decrease of 1 percentage point from 70% in September 2013;
 - 74% referred cases on to specialist services, an increase of 4 percentage points from 70% in September 2013.
- The number of data returns submitted by NHS providers of acute funded care has increased slightly to 145 in October 2013 from 144 in September 2013. These included 6 nil returns, which were excluded from the figures reported above.

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

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