

The April 2014 data for the **Dementia Assessment and Referral** data collection in England by NHS England were released on 2nd July 2014 according to the arrangements approved by the UK Statistics Authority.

Dementia Assessment and Referral data collection – April 2014

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:

- 81 trusts achieved at least 90% in all three measures, the same number as in March 2014.
- 85% of admitted patients were initially assessed for potential dementia in April 2014, an increase of 1 percentage point from 84% in March 2014.
- Of the patients initially assessed and found as potentially having dementia, 92% were further assessed in April 2014, an increase of 2 percentage points from 90% in March 2014.
- Of the patients who were further assessed and in which the outcome was either positive or inconclusive, 91% were referred on to specialist services in April 2014, an increase of 1 percentage point from 90% in March 2014.
- The percentage of trusts in April 2014 achieving at least 90% in each measure was as follows:
 - 67% of the trusts carried out initial assessments for cases of dementia, an increase of 2 percentage points from 65% in March 2014;
 - 71% carried out further diagnoses, a decrease of 3 percentage points from 74% in March 2014;
 - 77% referred cases on to specialist services, the same percentage as in March 2014.
- The number of data returns submitted by NHS providers of acute funded care was 150 in April 2014, an increase from 148 in March 2014. These included 4 nil returns in both April and March 2014, 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/>