

The January 2015 data for the **Dementia Assessment and Referral** data collection in England by NHS England were released on the 1st April 2015 according to the arrangements approved by the UK Statistics Authority.

Dementia Assessment and Referral data collection – January 2015

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:

- 101 trusts achieved at least 90% in all three measures, an increase of 3 trusts from 98 trusts in December 2014.
- 89% of admitted patients were initially assessed for potential dementia in January 2015, up 1 percentage point from 88% in December 2014.
- Of the patients initially assessed and found as potentially having dementia, 94% were further assessed in January 2015, up 1 percentage point from 93% in December 2014.
- Of the patients who were further assessed and in which the outcome was either positive or inconclusive, 96% were referred on to specialist services in January 2015, down 1 percentage point from 97% in December 2014.
- The percentage of trusts in January 2015 achieving at least 90% in each measure was as follows:
 - 78% of the trusts (113 trusts) carried out initial assessments for cases of dementia, an increase of 3 percentage points from 75% of the trusts (108 trusts) in December 2014.
 - 85% (122 trusts) carried out further diagnoses, an increase of 2 percentage points from 83% in December 2014 (119 trusts);
 - 84% (121 trusts) referred cases on to specialist services, a decrease of 2 percentage points from 86% (124 trusts) in December 2014.
- The number of data returns submitted by NHS providers of acute funded care was 149 in January 2015, the same as in December 2014. These included 5 nil returns in both January and December 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/>