

The February 2015 data for the **Dementia Assessment and Referral** data collection in England by NHS England were released on the 6th May 2015 according to the arrangements approved by the UK Statistics Authority.

Dementia Assessment and Referral data collection – February 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:

- 102 trusts achieved at least 90% in all three measures, the same as in January 2015.
- 90% of admitted patients were initially assessed for potential dementia in February 2015, up 1 percentage point from 89% in January 2015.
- Of the patients initially assessed and found as potentially having dementia, 95% were further assessed in February 2015, up 1 percentage point from 94% in January 2015.
- 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 February 2015, the same as in January 2015.
- The percentage of trusts in February 2015 achieving at least 90% in each measure was as follows:
 - 81% of the trusts (117 trusts) carried out initial assessments for cases of dementia, an increase of 3 percentage points from 78% of the trusts (113 trusts) in January 2015.
 - 86% (124 trusts) carried out further diagnoses, an increase of 1 percentage point from 85% in January 2015 (122 trusts);
 - 84% (121 trusts) referred cases on to specialist services, the same as in January 2015 (121 trusts).
- The number of data returns submitted by NHS providers of acute funded care was 149 in February 2015, the same as in January 2015. These included 4 nil returns in February and 5 nil returns in January 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/>