

The July 2014 data for the **Dementia Assessment and Referral** data collection in England by NHS England were released on 1st October 2014 according to the arrangements approved by the UK Statistics Authority.

Dementia Assessment and Referral data collection – July 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:

- 98 trusts achieved at least 90% in all three measures, a large increase of 9 more trusts from 89 trusts in June 2014.
- 88% of admitted patients were initially assessed for potential dementia in July 2014, an increase of 1 percentage point from 87% in June 2014.
- Of the patients initially assessed and found as potentially having dementia, 94% were further assessed in July 2014, an increase of 1 percentage point from 93% in June 2014.
- Of the patients who were further assessed and in which the outcome was either positive or inconclusive, 97% were referred on to specialist services in July 2014, an increase of 1 percentage point from 96% in June 2014.
- The percentage of trusts in July 2014 achieving at least 90% in each measure was as follows:
 - 77% of the trusts (112 trusts) carried out initial assessments for cases of dementia, an increase of 5 percentage points from 72% (106 trusts) in June 2014;
 - 81% (118 trusts) carried out further diagnoses, an increase of 2 percentage points from 79% (116 trusts) in June 2014;
 - 87% (126 trusts) referred cases on to specialist services, an increase of 8 percentage points from 79% (116 trusts) in June 2014.
- The number of data returns submitted by NHS providers of acute funded care was 149 in July 2014, a decrease from 152 in June 2014. These included 5 nil returns in June 2014 and 4 nil returns in July 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/>