

The eighth set of quarterly statistics on Venous Thromboembolism (VTE) Risk Assessment in England, produced by the Department of Health were released on 7th September according to the arrangements approved by the UK Statistics Authority.

VTE Risk Assessment data collection – 2012-13 QUARTER 1

The key points from the latest release are:

The key results for data collected on the number and proportion of VTE Risk Assessments carried out on adult admissions to NHS funded acute care are as follows:

- Of the 3.3m adult patients admitted to NHS funded acute care between January and March 2012, as reported in this data collection, 93.4% of these received a VTE risk assessment on admission, a slight increase compared to Q4 2011-12 (92.5%).
- In Q1 2012-13, the proportion of admissions receiving a VTE risk assessment was slightly lower for NHS acute providers (93%) than Independent Sector providers (96%), although NHS acute providers carried out around 98% of all VTE risk assessments.
- At SHA level, performance varied from 91.5% in South Central to 96.6% in East of England during Quarter 1. All the SHAs achieved the 90% compliance for Q1.
- In June 2012, 275 providers (out of 309 providers who submitted data) reported that at least 90% of adult admissions were risk assessed for VTE, compared to 241 in March 2012, 221 in December 2011, and 18 in July 2010.

The full data tables can be found on the Department of Health website:

<http://transparency.dh.gov.uk/category/statistics/vte/>