

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

VTE Risk Assessment data collection – 2012-13 QUARTER 2

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 3.4m adult patients admitted to NHS funded acute care between July and September 2012, as reported in this data collection, 93.9% of these received a VTE risk assessment on admission, a slight increase compared to Q1 2012-13 (93.4%).
- In Q2 2012-13, the proportion of admissions receiving a VTE risk assessment was slightly lower for NHS acute providers (94%) than Independent Sector providers (98%), although NHS acute providers carried out around 98% of all VTE risk assessments.
- At SHA level, performance varied from 92.5% in South West to 96.8% in East of England during Quarter 2. All the SHAs achieved the 90% compliance for Q2.
- In September 2012, 293 providers (out of 311 providers who submitted data) reported that at least 90% of adult admissions were risk assessed for VTE, compared to 275 in June 2012, 241 in March 2012, 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/>