STATISTICAL PRESS NOTICE
MONTHLY DELAYED TRANSFERS OF CARE DATA, ENGLAND, JANUARY

Main Findings – January 2016:

Delayed Transfers of Care

- There were 159,100 total delayed days in January 2016, of which 103,500 were in acute care. This is an increase from January 2015, where there were 150,400 total delayed days, of which 103,200 were in acute care. This was also the second highest number of total delayed days reported in a month since monthly data was first collected in August 2010.

- 61.0% of all delays in January 2016 were attributable to the NHS, 32.3% were attributable to Social Care and the remaining 6.7% were attributable to both NHS and Social Care.

- The proportion of delays attributable to Social Care has increased over the last year to 32.3% in January 2016, compared to 25.9% in January 2015.

- The main reason for NHS delays in January 2016 was "patients awaiting further non-acute NHS care". This accounted for 29,900 delayed days (30.8% of all NHS delays). The number of delays attributable to this reason has shown a general increase from May 2015 with a small decrease in November 2015.

- The main reason for Social Care delays in January 2016 was "patients awaiting care package in their own home". This accounted for 16,800 delayed days (32.7% of all Social Care delays), compared to 11,400 in January 2015.

- Delays can occur in either an acute or non-acute care setting. The proportion of delays occurring in acute care in January 2016 was 65.1% compared to 68.6% in January 2015.

- There were 5,800 patients delayed at midnight on the last Thursday of January 2016, of which 3,800 were acute patients. This compares to 5,200 patients, including 3,600 acute patients, that were delayed at midnight on the last Thursday of January 2015. This was the highest number patients delayed at midnight on the last Thursday of a month since monthly data was first collected in August 2010.

- Warrington And Halton Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust did not submit data this month.

Table 1 shows information on delayed transfers of care from January 2013 to January 2016.

Table 2 shows the number of delayed transfers of care by type of care, reason for delay and responsible organisation for January 2016.

Details of delayed transfers of care data for individual organisations are available at:
http://www.england.nhs.uk/statistics/delayed-transfers-of-care/delayed-transfers-of-care-data-2015-16/

Table 1 –Delayed Transfers of Care – January 2013 to January 2016

Month	Delayed Transfers of Care	
	Patients Delayed	Total Days Delayed
January 2013	4,188	125,716
February 2013	4,007	109,180
March 2013	4,053	115,158
April 2013	4,046	113,297
May 2013	4,184	120,550
June 2013	3,888	112,984
July 2013	3,961	111,951
August 2013	4,084	122,337
September 2013	4,231	118,864
October 2013	4,147	123,852
November 2013	4,200	116,932
December 2013	3,649	112,629
January 2014	4,221	124,289
February 2014	4,276	112,845
March 2014	4,327	123,061
April 2014	4,207	116,261
May 2014	4,516	126,779
June 2014	4,363	124,118
July 2014	4,612	133,903
August 2014	4,704	137,613
September 2014	4,960	138,267
October 2014	4,930	142,927
November 2014	5,063	140,949
December 2014	4,475	139,025
January 2015	5,221	150,392
February 2015	4,942	134,353
March 2015	4,948	140,390
April 2015	4,739	138,030
May 2015	4,972	137,115
June 2015	4,996	139,538
July 2015	4,881	147,005
August 2015	5,169	145,067
September 2015	5,247	147,738
October 2015	5,328	160,094
November 2015	5,583	153,191
December 2015	5,009	154,060
January 2016	5,799	159,089

Notes:
1. A change from weekly to monthly data in Aug-10 led to data quality issues with the first few months of delayed transfers of care data in the monthly collection.
2. Information on the numbers of people delayed on the last Thursday of the reporting period and the total number of Delayed Days are not directly comparable because the first is a 'snapshot' and the second a cumulative total.

Table 2 – Delayed Transfers of Care by Type of Care, Reason for Delay and Responsible Organisation – January 2016

Type of Care	Reason For Delay	Patients Delayed			Total Days Delayed		
		NHS	Social Care	Both	NHS	Social Care	Both
Acute	A) Awaiting completion of assessment	439	241	81	10634	5885	2323
	B) Awaiting public funding	68	18	2	1668	422	73
	C) Awaiting further non-acute NHS care (including intermediate care, rehabilitation services etc)	920	NA	NA	26046	NA	NA
	Dii) Awaiting nursing home placement or availability	254	165	35	7195	4659	1064
	Di) Awaiting residential home placement or availability	97	152	NA	2524	4259	NA
	E) Awaiting care package in own home	209	360	82	5506	9446	2327
	F) Awaiting community equipment and adaptations	87	12	15	2405	314	195
	G) Patient or family choice	445	41	NA	12854	1218	NA
	H) Disputes	27	3	NA	852	87	NA
	I) Housing – patients not covered by NHS and Community Care Act	55	NA	NA	1535	NA	NA
Non-Acute	A) Awaiting completion of assessment	147	119	42	3841	3573	1321
	B) Awaiting public funding	35	48	24	1109	1341	706
	C) Awaiting further non-acute NHS care (including intermediate care, rehabilitation services etc)	141	NA	NA	3859	NA	NA
	Dii) Awaiting nursing home placement or availability	95	158	66	2626	4068	1868
	Di) Awaiting residential home placement or availability	117	236	NA	3208	6805	NA
	E) Awaiting care package in own home	69	277	27	2054	7364	724
	F) Awaiting community equipment and adaptations	39	15	4	885	348	92
	G) Patient or family choice	168	39	NA	4853	1325	NA
	H) Disputes	11	13	NA	529	312	NA
	I) Housing – patients not covered by NHS and Community Care Act	101	NA	NA	2787	NA	NA
All	**Total**	**3524**	**1897**	**378**	**96970**	**51426**	**10693**

Notes:
1. NA means the combination of reason and responsible organisation is not permitted.
2. Information on the numbers of people delayed on the last Thursday of the reporting period and the total number of Delayed Days are not directly comparable because the first is a 'snapshot' and the second a cumulative total.

Statistical Notes to Editors

1. Delayed Transfers of Care data

A delayed transfer of care occurs when a patient is medically fit for discharge from acute or non-acute care and is still occupying a bed. For a more detailed definition please read the guidance on NHS England's website at:
http://www.england.nhs.uk/statistics/delayed-transfers-of-care/

Data on the number of patients with a delayed transfers of care is a monthly snapshot taken at midnight on the last Thursday of each month and can fluctuate from month to month. Data on the number of delayed days is a cumulative figure for the month and therefore, the two are not comparable.

Data on delayed transfers of care is collected from providers of NHS funded care and is split by:
  • Local Authority that is responsible for each patient delayed
  • Agency responsible for delay (NHS, Social Services or both)
  • Type of care that the patient receives (acute or non-acute)
  • Reason for delay

A detailed breakdown of the data can be found on NHS England's website in CSV format at:
http://www.england.nhs.uk/statistics/delayed-transfers-of-care/delayed-transfers-of-care-data-2015-16/

2. Trust and Local Authority level data

Delayed transfers of care data covers NHS patients in English Hospitals, who may or may not reside in England and is published on both a trust and Local Authority basis.

Trust level reflects data at organisation level for those organisations that provide NHS funded care, for example acute Trusts, community providers, mental health trusts and Social Enterprise organisations.

Local Authority data reflects data on a regional population basis, i.e. Councils with Adult Social Services Responsibility (CASSRs) that are responsible for all patients who reside in their region.

3. Data Quality

Monthly delayed transfers of care data has been collected and published since August 2010. Prior to August 2010, data was collected weekly and was un-validated management information.

Delayed transfers of care data published during the early months of the collection from August 2010 to October 2010 should be treated with a degree of caution as a change from a weekly to a monthly data collection led to data quality issues. Since October 2010, there has been a significant improvement in the coverage and accuracy of this data.

4. Data Availability

Delayed Transfers of Care data is published approximately 6 weeks after the end of the reference period. The next publication of this report and accompanying data will be 14th April 2016.

5. Revisions

Revisions to previous month's data are made in line with NHS England's revisions protocol for performance monitoring data. Future revisions will be made on a six monthly cycle. The revisions protocol can be found on the NHS England website at:
http://www.england.nhs.uk/statistics/code-compliance/

6. Feedback Welcomed

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