

STATISTICAL PRESS NOTICE
MONTHLY CRITICAL CARE BEDS AND CANCELLED URGENT OPERATIONS
DATA, ENGLAND NOVEMBER 2015

Main Findings – November 2015:

Critical Care Beds

- There were 3,996 adult critical care beds available and 3,350 occupied, giving an occupancy rate of 83.8%. This is the same as the occupancy rate observed last month, but lower than the figure in November 2014, which was 86.6%.
- There were 452 paediatric critical care beds available and 398 occupied, giving an occupancy rate of 88.1%. This is higher than the occupancy rate observed last month, which was 81.7%, and higher than the figure in November 2014 which was 87.8%.
- There were 1,417 neo-natal critical care beds available and 1,000 occupied, giving an occupancy rate of 70.6%. This is lower than the occupancy rate observed last month, which was 73.6%, and lower than the rate in November 2014 which was 71.4%.

Table 1 shows Critical Care Bed Occupancy rates since November 2013.

Details of critical care data for individual organisations are available at:

<http://www.england.nhs.uk/statistics/critical-care-capacity/>

Cancelled Urgent Operations

- The number of urgent operations cancelled was 244 in November 2015, which compares to 378 in October 2015 and 319 in November 2014.
- This number is the lowest since June 2014, when there were 210 urgent operations cancelled.

Table 2 shows information on urgent operations cancelled from November 2013 to November 2015

Details of cancelled urgent operations data for individual organisations are available at:

<http://www.england.nhs.uk/statistics/critical-care-capacity/>

In addition, data on cancelled elective operations can be found at:

<http://www.england.nhs.uk/statistics/cancelled-elective-operations/>

Table 1 – Critical Care Bed Occupancy Rates – November 2013 to November 2015

Month	Adult Critical Care			Paediatric Critical Care			Neonatal Critical Care		
	Open	Occupied	%	Open	Occupied	%	Open	Occupied	%
Nov-13	3,869	3,303	85.4%	451	391	86.7%	1,371	986	71.9%
Dec-13	3,829	2,952	77.1%	442	369	83.5%	1,365	943	69.1%
Jan-14	3,879	3,339	86.1%	439	378	86.1%	1,360	980	72.1%
Feb-14	3,893	3,366	86.5%	440	365	83.0%	1,376	974	70.8%
Mar-14	3,912	3,306	84.5%	436	351	80.5%	1,375	966	70.3%
Apr-14	3,949	3,377	85.5%	443	352	79.5%	1,372	1,006	73.3%
May-14	3,930	3,234	82.3%	430	342	79.5%	1,372	985	71.8%
Jun-14	3,913	3,277	83.7%	431	350	81.2%	1,371	995	72.6%
Jul-14	3,910	3,276	83.8%	437	324	74.1%	1,359	1,004	73.9%
Aug-14	3,941	3,221	81.7%	436	308	70.6%	1,373	1,007	73.3%
Sep-14	3,953	3,332	84.3%	432	324	75.0%	1,365	991	72.6%
Oct-14	3,963	3,385	85.4%	434	341	78.6%	1,376	989	71.9%
Nov-14	3,992	3,458	86.6%	450	395	87.8%	1,376	983	71.4%
Dec-14	3,977	3,184	80.1%	450	367	81.6%	1,384	944	68.2%
Jan-15	4,021	3,521	87.6%	444	360	81.1%	1,389	1,009	72.6%
Feb-15	4,028	3,548	88.1%	435	330	75.9%	1,397	1,000	71.6%
Mar-15	4,025	3,476	86.4%	442	360	81.4%	1,393	995	71.4%
Apr-15	4,023	3,389	84.2%	434	369	85.0%	1,393	996	71.5%
May-15	3,962	3,259	82.3%	425	315	74.1%	1,396	1,009	72.3%
Jun-15	3,978	3,290	82.7%	428	328	76.6%	1,405	1,013	72.1%
Jul-15	3,981	3,313	83.2%	431	323	74.9%	1,404	990	70.5%
Aug-15	3,969	3,166	79.8%	429	307	71.6%	1,387	952	68.6%
Sep-15	3,962	3,284	82.9%	440	363	82.5%	1,401	1,047	74.7%
Oct-15	3,970	3,326	83.8%	443	362	81.7%	1,388	1,021	73.6%
Nov-15	3,996	3,350	83.8%	452	398	88.1%	1,417	1,000	70.6%

Notes:

1. Data relating to the number of available and occupied critical care beds is a monthly snapshot taken at midnight on the last Thursday of each month and can fluctuate from month to month.
2. Before February 2011, data on Critical Care beds were published bi-annually in a separate collection. Therefore, Critical Care data published until January 2011 should be treated with a degree of caution.

Table 2 – Cancelled Operations – November 2013 to November 2015

Month	Urgent Operations Cancelled
November 2013	196
December 2013	250
January 2014	261
February 2014	244
March 2014	232
April 2014	228
May 2014	241
June 2014	210
July 2014	261
August 2014	265
September 2014	246
October 2014	301
November 2014	319
December 2014	408
January 2015	396
February 2015	375
March 2015	317
April 2015	318
May 2015	320
June 2015	266
July 2015	296
August 2015	274
September 2015	309
October 2015	378
November 2015	244

Statistical Notes to Editors

1. Critical Care data

Data relating to the number of available and occupied critical care beds is a monthly snapshot taken at midnight on the last Thursday of each month and can fluctuate from month to month.

2. Data Quality

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

Critical care data published until January should be treated with a degree of caution as data on Critical Care beds was published bi-annually in a separate collection until January 2011. Since February 2011, there has been a significant improvement in the coverage and accuracy of this data.

3. Data Availability

Monthly Sitreps data is published approximately 3 – 4 weeks after the end of the reference period.

4. 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/>

5. Feedback Welcomed

We welcome feedback on the content and presentation of Critical Care and Cancelled Operations within this Statistical Press Notice and those published on NHS England's website. Please email any comments on this, or any other issues regarding the SitReps data and statistics, to: unify2@dh.gsi.gov.uk

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