

## STATISTICAL PRESS NOTICE

### MONTHLY DELAYED TRANSFERS OF CARE DATA, ENGLAND, JUNE 2016

#### Main Findings – June 2016:

#### Delayed Transfers of Care

- There were 171,300 total delayed days in June 2016, of which 115,400 were in acute care. This is an increase from June 2015, where there were 139,500 total delayed days, of which 91,100 were in acute care.
- 59.9% of all delays in June 2016 were attributable to the NHS, 32.2% were attributable to Social Care and the remaining 7.9% were attributable to both NHS and Social Care.
- The proportion of delays attributable to Social Care has increased over the last year to 32.2% in June 2016, compared to 31.3% in June 2015.
- The main reason for NHS delays in June 2016 was “patients awaiting further non-acute NHS care”. This accounted for 29,500 delayed days (28.8% of all NHS delays). The number of delays attributable to this reason showed a general increase between June 2015 and March 2016, but since then appears to be showing a gradual downward trend.
- The main reason for Social Care delays in June 2016 was “patients awaiting care package in their own home”. This accounted for 19,700 delayed days (35.7% of all Social Care delays), compared to 15,000 in June 2015.
- Delays can occur in either an acute or non-acute care setting. The proportion of delays occurring in acute care in June 2016 was 67.4% compared to 65.3% in June 2015.
- There were 6,100 patients delayed at midnight on the last Thursday of June 2016, of which 4,100 were acute patients. This compares to 5,000 patients, including 3,300 acute patients, which were delayed at midnight on the last Thursday of June 2015. The 6,100 patients delayed this month is the highest number since monthly data was first collected in August 2010.

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

**Table 2** shows the number of delayed transfers of care by type of care, reason for delay and responsible organisation for June 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-2016-17/>

**Table 1 – Delayed Transfers of Care – June 2013 to June 2016**

Month	Delayed Transfers of Care	
	Patients Delayed	Total Days Delayed
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	4,888	147,376
August 2015	5,114	145,093
September 2015	5,247	147,738
October 2015	5,330	160,130
November 2015	5,573	153,155
December 2015	5,004	154,008
January 2016	5,831	159,641
February 2016	5,770	158,131
March 2016	5,703	169,928
April 2016	5,924	167,677
May 2016	6,045	171,452
June 2016	6,105	171,298

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 – June 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	377	270	106	10,773	6,939	3,264
	B) Awaiting public funding	85	24	8	2,324	574	149
	C) Awaiting further non-acute NHS care (including intermediate care, rehabilitation services etc)	969	NA	NA	25,936	NA	NA
	Dii) Awaiting nursing home placement or availability	309	202	36	9,215	6,017	919
	Di) Awaiting residential home placement or availability	103	162	NA	3,203	4,463	NA
	E) Awaiting care package in own home	193	438	119	6,715	12,391	3,235
	F) Awaiting community equipment and adaptations	92	8	8	2,531	287	350
	G) Patient or family choice	470	34	NA	12,950	988	NA
	H) Disputes	33	13	NA	711	206	NA
	I) Housing – patients not covered by NHS and Community Care Act	39	NA	NA	1,285	NA	NA
Non-Acute	A) Awaiting completion of assessment	124	99	59	3,889	2,742	1,605
	B) Awaiting public funding	57	41	35	1,447	1,312	944
	C) Awaiting further non-acute NHS care (including intermediate care, rehabilitation services etc)	129	NA	NA	3,596	NA	NA
	Dii) Awaiting nursing home placement or availability	101	142	72	2,772	4,216	1,976
	Di) Awaiting residential home placement or availability	132	195	NA	3,544	5,768	NA
	E) Awaiting care package in own home	83	264	34	2,009	7,315	907
	F) Awaiting community equipment and adaptations	37	11	10	914	347	213
	G) Patient or family choice	179	44	NA	4,911	1,136	NA
	H) Disputes	19	17	NA	595	476	NA
	I) Housing – patients not covered by NHS and Community Care Act	123	NA	NA	3,239	NA	NA
<b>All</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>3,654</b>	<b>1,964</b>	<b>487</b>	<b>102,559</b>	<b>55,177</b>	<b>13,562</b>

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-2016-17/>

### **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 8<sup>th</sup> September 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**

We welcome feedback on the content and presentation of Delayed Transfers of Care statistics 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](mailto:unify2@dh.gsi.gov.uk)

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