

# NHS 111 Minimum Data Set, England, August 2016

#### Summary

There were 1,118,207 calls offered to the NHS 111 service in England in August 2016, a 5.3% increase on the 1,061,499 in August 2015. The number of calls answered by the service was 1,038,817 in August 2016 a 2.6% increase on the August 2015 answered calls.

Of calls offered to NHS 111 in August 2016, the proportion abandoned after waiting longer than 30 seconds was 1.4%, a decrease on the 2.5% recorded in July 2016.

In August 2016, of calls answered by NHS 111, 92.9% were answered within 60 seconds; an increase on the 88.1% in July 2016 and close to the 93.6% recorded in August 2015.

Of calls answered, 12.7% were offered a call back in August 2016, a decrease on the 13.6% recorded in July 2016.

Of call backs offered, 42.4% were within 10 minutes in August 2016, an increase on the 38.0% recorded in July 2016.

Of calls answered, 21.1% were transferred to a clinical advisor in August 2016, similar to the 21.2% recorded in July 2016.

The average length of calls was 14 minutes and 55 seconds in August 2016.

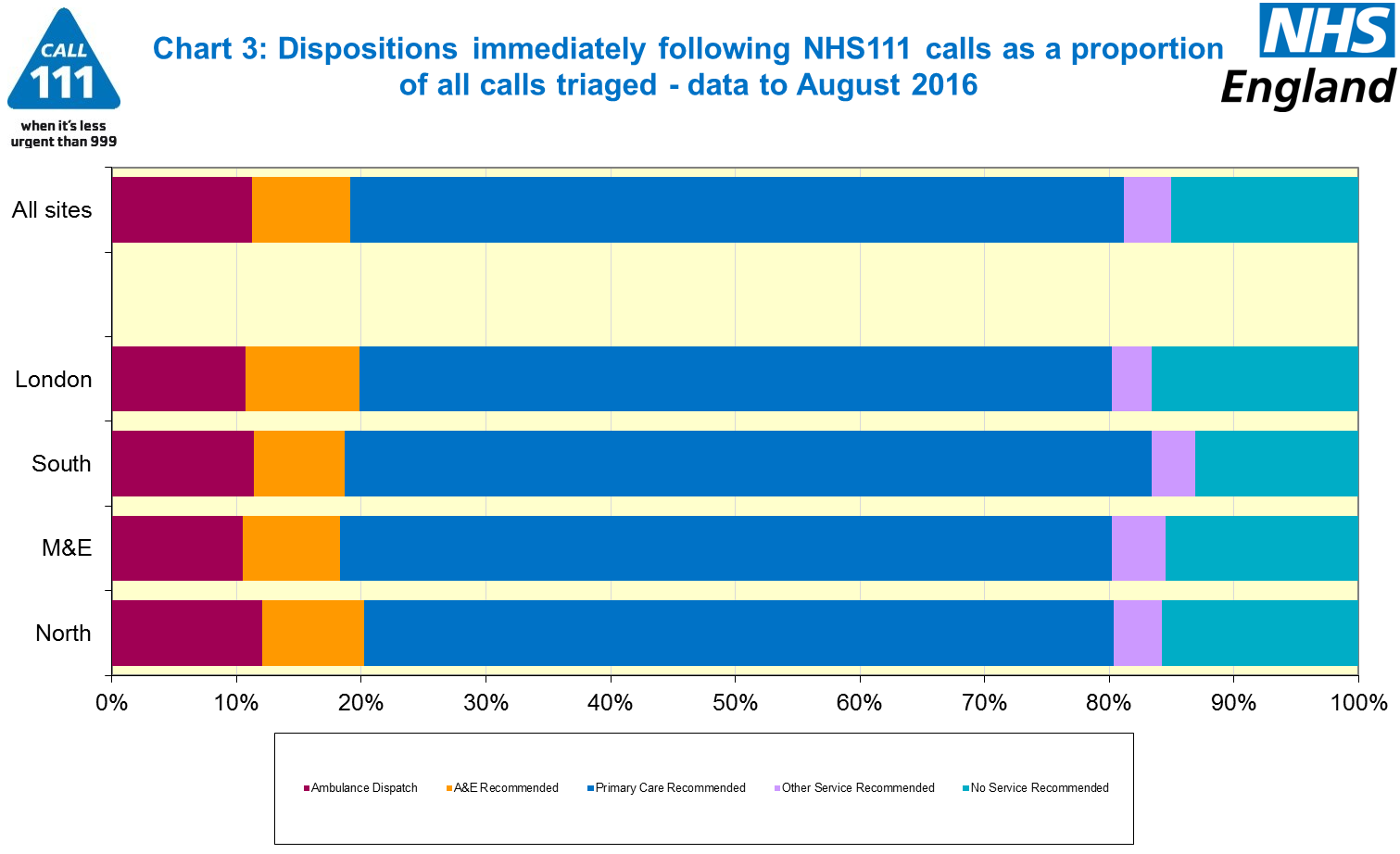
Of calls answered, 85% were triaged in August 2016. This proportion has ranged between 85% and 87% for the last twenty three months. Calls triaged are those where the NHS 111 call handler opens and uses the clinical assessment tool (NHS Pathways). Calls not triaged include, for example, follow-ups of previous calls, calls where the caller is unable or unwilling to give specific details about the patient’s condition or enquiries about contact details for pharmacists or other local care services.

Of calls triaged in August 2016, 13% had ambulances dispatched, 9% were recommended to A&E, 60% were recommended to primary care, 4% were recommended to another service and 15% were not recommended to attend any other service.

In August 2016, of calls which were not recommended to any service, the proportion recommended home care was 5.2%, this is the lowest proportion recorded since the 111 service started in August 2010.





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#### Additional Information:

All monthly data in the 111 Minimum Data Set (MDS) are available in spreadsheets at [www.england.nhs.uk/statistics/statistical-work-areas/nhs-111-minimum-data-set](http://www.england.nhs.uk/statistics/statistical-work-areas/nhs-111-minimum-data-set), along with all the previous accompanying statistical notes, the specification guidance document for those who produce the data, and the timetables for data collection and publication. Publication dates are also available from [www.gov.uk/government/statistics](http://www.gov.uk/government/statistics).

Material changes to the data or presentation of the NHS 111 MDS are listed in the 03 July 2015 Statistical Note and in earlier versions. Any further material changes will be described here in future Statistical Notes.

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