

STATISTICAL PRESS NOTICE

MONTHLY DELAYED TRANSFERS OF CARE DATA, ENGLAND, NOVEMBER 2016

Main Findings – November 2016:

Delayed Transfers of Care

- There were 193,700 total delayed days in November 2016, of which 128,200 were in acute care. This is an increase from November 2015, where there were 153,200 total delayed days, of which 100,400 were in acute care.
- 57.2% of all delays in November 2016 were attributable to the NHS, 34.8% were attributable to Social Care and the remaining 8.0% were attributable to both NHS and Social Care.
- The proportion of delays attributable to Social Care has increased over the last year to 34.8% in November 2016, compared to 31.1% in November 2015.
- The main reason for NHS delays in November 2016 was “patients awaiting further non-acute NHS care”. This accounted for 29,900 delayed days (27.0% of all NHS delays). The number of delays attributable to this reason showed a general increase between July 2015 and March 2016, before levelling off for several months. The number of delays attributable to this reason has started falling again after peaking in September.
- The main reason for Social Care delays in November 2016 was “patients awaiting care package in their own home”. This accounted for 24,500 delayed days (36.3% of all Social Care delays), compared to 16,300 in November 2015. The number of delays attributable to this reason has been steadily increasing since February 2015.
- Delays can occur in either an acute or non-acute care setting. The proportion of delays occurring in acute care in November 2016 was 66.2% compared to 65.5% in November 2015.
- There were 6,800 patients delayed at midnight on the last Thursday of November 2016, of which 4,500 were acute patients. This compares to 5,600 patients, including 3,700 acute patients, which were delayed at midnight on the last Thursday of November 2015. The 6,800 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 November 2013 to November 2016.

Table 2 shows the number of delayed transfers of care by type of care, reason for delay and responsible organisation for November 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 – November 2013 to November 2016

| Month | Delayed Transfers of Care | |
|----------------|---------------------------|--------------------|
| | Patients Delayed | Total Days Delayed |
| 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 | 5,781 | 159,641 |
| February 2016 | 5,727 | 158,131 |
| March 2016 | 5,628 | 169,928 |
| April 2016 | 5,879 | 167,966 |
| May 2016 | 6,010 | 172,195 |
| June 2016 | 6,121 | 171,546 |
| July 2016 | 6,364 | 184,188 |
| August 2016 | 6,448 | 188,340 |
| September 2016 | 6,777 | 196,246 |
| October 2016 | 6,810 | 200,008 |
| November 2016 | 6,825 | 193,680 |

Notes:

- 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 – November 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 | 454 | 290 | 102 | 11520 | 8420 | 3004 |
| | B) Awaiting public funding | 78 | 19 | 4 | 2304 | 714 | 60 |
| | C) Awaiting further non-acute NHS care (including intermediate care, rehabilitation services etc) | 883 | NA | NA | 24997 | NA | NA |
| | Dii) Awaiting nursing home placement or availability | 403 | 296 | 37 | 11393 | 8438 | 1078 |
| | Di) Awaiting residential home placement or availability | 116 | 224 | NA | 3456 | 5535 | NA |
| | E) Awaiting care package in own home | 241 | 509 | 116 | 7035 | 15226 | 3961 |
| | F) Awaiting community equipment and adaptations | 71 | 13 | 8 | 2372 | 285 | 299 |
| | G) Patient or family choice | 454 | 41 | NA | 13878 | 1299 | NA |
| | H) Disputes | 28 | 3 | NA | 1015 | 89 | NA |
| | I) Housing – patients not covered by NHS and Community Care Act | 64 | NA | NA | 1810 | NA | NA |
| Non-Acute | A) Awaiting completion of assessment | 161 | 127 | 67 | 4308 | 3052 | 1614 |
| | B) Awaiting public funding | 45 | 54 | 41 | 1455 | 1381 | 1048 |
| | C) Awaiting further non-acute NHS care (including intermediate care, rehabilitation services etc) | 165 | NA | NA | 4906 | NA | NA |
| | Dii) Awaiting nursing home placement or availability | 129 | 162 | 90 | 3797 | 4751 | 2581 |
| | Di) Awaiting residential home placement or availability | 124 | 245 | NA | 3905 | 6733 | NA |
| | E) Awaiting care package in own home | 87 | 361 | 64 | 2413 | 9242 | 1580 |
| | F) Awaiting community equipment and adaptations | 29 | 10 | 4 | 871 | 307 | 218 |
| | G) Patient or family choice | 202 | 53 | NA | 5754 | 1573 | NA |
| | H) Disputes | 24 | 18 | NA | 795 | 433 | NA |
| | I) Housing – patients not covered by NHS and Community Care Act | 109 | NA | NA | 2775 | NA | NA |
| All | Total | 3,867 | 2,425 | 533 | 110,759 | 67,478 | 15,443 |

Notes:

1. NA means the combination of reason and responsible organisation is not permitted.
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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 9th February 2017.

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

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