

The Official Statistics for Venous Thromboembolism (VTE) Risk Assessment in England for Quarter 4 2015/16 (January to March 2016) produced by NHS England were released on 3rd June 2016 according to the arrangements approved by the UK Statistics Authority.

Venous Thromboembolism (VTE) Risk Assessment data collection Quarter 4 2015/16 (January to March 2016)

Key points

The VTE Risk Assessment data collection is used to inform a National Quality Requirement in the NHS Standard Contract for 2015/16, which sets a threshold rate of 95% of adult inpatients undergoing risk assessments each month.

The key results for data collected on the number and proportion of VTE Risk Assessments carried out on adult inpatients admitted to NHS funded acute care, including foundation and non-foundation trusts and Independent Sector providers, are as follows:

- Of the 3.7 million adult patients admitted to NHS funded acute care in Quarter 4 2015/16, as reported in this data collection, 3.5 million (96%) received a VTE risk assessment on admission meaning that as a whole England continues to achieve the 95% NHS Standard Contract threshold.
- The longer term trend shows that the proportion of adult inpatients risk assessed for VTE steadily increased from 53% in Quarter 2 2010/11 to 96% in Quarter 2 2013/14, remaining stable at 96% until Quarter 3 2015/16 where it decreased by 1 percentage point to 95%. The latest results therefore represent a 1 percentage point increase in the trend, bringing the proportion of adult inpatients risk assessed for VTE back to 96%.
- In Quarter 4 2015/16, the proportion of adult inpatient admissions receiving a VTE risk assessment was slightly lower for NHS acute care providers (95%) compared to Independent Sector providers (98%), with NHS acute care providers carrying out around 97% of all VTE risk assessments.
- All NHS England Regions (London, North of England, South of England, Midlands and East of England) continue to achieve the 95% NHS Standard Contract threshold in Quarter 4 2015/16: Both the North and South of England achieved 95% (the same percentage as seen in to Quarter 3 2015/16) and both London and the Midlands and East achieved 96% (also 96% in Quarter 3 2015/16).
- In Quarter 4 2015/16, 88% of providers (277 out of 313 trusts) carried out a VTE risk assessment for 95% or more of their admissions, a slight decrease compared to

Quarter 3 2015/16 where 89% of providers carried out a risk assessment (280 trusts out of 313 trusts).

- Of the 36 providers (12%) who did not achieve the 95% NHS Standard Contract threshold in Quarter 4 2015/16, the majority (25 out of 36) achieved risk assessments for 90-94% of total admissions for VTE.

The full data tables can be found on the NHS England Statistics website:

<http://www.england.nhs.uk/statistics/statistical-work-areas/vte/vte-risk-assessment-2015-16/>