

**STATISTICAL PRESS NOTICE**  
**MENTAL HEALTH COMMUNITY TEAMS ACTIVITY DATA**  
**2016-17 Q1**

The following statistics were published today by NHS England:

Quarterly Mental Health Community Teams Activity data for 2016-17 Quarter 1.

**The main findings for 2016-17 Quarter 1 were:**

- 96.2% of patients under adult mental illness specialties on Care Programme Approach (CPA) were followed up within 7 days of discharge from psychiatric inpatient care in the quarter.
- 98.1% of admissions to psychiatric inpatient wards were gate kept by Crisis Resolution Home Treatment (CRHT) teams in the quarter.
- Detailed reports with information by provider and commissioner can be found via the following link:  
<http://www.england.nhs.uk/statistics/mental-health-community-teams-activity/>

Revisions to data for 2015-16 Quarter 3 and 2015-16 Quarter 4 were also published and are available from the above location. These revisions have not had a significant impact at national level.

**Collection of data on new cases of psychosis served by EI teams**

As per previous correspondence, the measure for “Number of new cases of psychosis served by Early Intervention teams” has, as of 2016-17 Quarter 1, been retired from this collection.

Data relating to the number of people with first episode of psychosis who have accessed or are waiting for treatment are now collected via the monthly Unify2 collection on Early Intervention in Psychosis waiting times.

Further information on the EIP waiting times data collection is available at:  
<https://www.england.nhs.uk/statistics/statistical-work-areas/eip-waiting-times/>

**Longer term future of the Unify2 Mental Health Community Teams Activity data collection**

This data collection was set up as a temporary solution in March 2010 whilst steps were taken to produce equivalent information via the Mental Health Services dataset (MHSDS).

NHS England is currently working with NHS Digital to ascertain if comparable measures are now available from MHSDS, and will be making subsequent recommendations in the near future as to whether or not it would be an appropriate time to retire the Unify2 collection. Please note that data providers should continue to submit MHPrvCom returns via Unify2 whilst this work progresses.

## **Notes to Editors**

### **1. New cases of psychosis served by Early Intervention (EI) teams**

Early Intervention teams engage with people with a first episode of psychosis over a three-year period. The plan is to engage with 7,500 new people yearly and treat them over a period of up to three years.

This measure was retired from the Quarterly Mental Health Community Teams Activity collection as of 2016-17 Quarter 1, but since data remains in the time series publication file, the definition has been retained for reference.

### **2. Patients under adult mental illness specialties on Care Programme Approach (CPA)**

People cared for by specialist mental health teams are likely to be monitored under the Care Programme Approach (CPA). Patients on CPA usually have multiple needs and require care coordination which is usually managed by a care plan. All patients on CPA discharged from psychiatric inpatient care are to be followed up either by face to face contact or by phone within 7 days of discharge to reduce risk of suicide and social exclusion and improve care pathways. The national threshold is to follow up 95% of patients within 7 days.

### **3. Admissions to psychiatric inpatient wards gate kept by Crisis Resolution Home Treatment (CRHT) teams.**

Crisis Resolution Home Treatment (CRHT) teams offer intensive short-term support for people in mental health crisis in their own home, or suitable alternative non-NHS setting, thereby avoiding hospital admissions. All admissions to psychiatric inpatient wards are gate kept by a CRHT team by assessing the service user before admission and by being involved in all requests for admission. The national threshold is to gate keep 95% of all admissions to psychiatric inpatient wards.

### **4. Provider and Commissioner data**

Commissioner based returns reflect data on a responsible population basis, which is defined as:

- all those patients resident within the CCG boundary; plus
- all patients registered with GPs who are members of the CCG, but are resident in another CCG; minus
- All patients resident in the CCG, but registered with a GP who is a member of another CCG

Provider based returns cover patients for whom English commissioners are responsible.

## 5. Feedback Welcome

We welcome feedback on the content and presentation of Mental Health Community Teams Activity statistics within this Statistical Press Notice and those published on the NHS England website. Please email any comments on this, or any other issues regarding the Mental Health Community Teams Activity data and statistics, to: [unify2@dh.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:unify2@dh.gsi.gov.uk)

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