

The Official Statistics for Venous Thromboembolism (VTE) Risk Assessment in England for Quarter 4 2016/17 (January to March 2017) produced by NHS Improvement were released on 2nd June 2017 according to the arrangements approved by the UK Statistics Authority.

**Venous Thromboembolism (VTE) Risk Assessment data collection
Quarter 4 2016/17 (January to March 2017)**

Key points

The VTE Risk Assessment data collection is used to inform a National Quality Requirement in the NHS Standard Contract for 2016/17, 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 3 2016/17, as reported in this data collection, 3.6 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 with a decreased of 1 percentage point to 95%. For Quarter 4 2015/16 to the latest results in Quarter 4 2016/17, the proportion of patients risk assessed for VTE is 96%.
- In Quarter 4 2016/17, 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.
- The London, Midlands and East of England, and the South of England NHS England Regions achieved the 95% NHS Standard Contract threshold in Quarter 4 2016/17, achieving 95.9%, 95.9% and 95.6% respectively. The North of England NHS England Region did not achieve the 95% NHS Standard Contract threshold in Quarter 4 2016/17 achieving 94.9%.
- In Quarter 4 2016/17, 83% of providers (257 providers out 308) carried out a VTE risk assessment for 95% or more of their admissions (the NHS Standard Contract

threshold). This breaks down as 77.6% of NHS Acute providers (121 out of 156 trusts) and 89.5% of Independent Sector providers (136 out of 152 providers). This is a decrease compared to Quarter 3 2016/17, where 86% (266 of 308) of providers (NHS Acute and Independent Sector) carried out a VTE risk assessment for 95% or more of admissions.

- Of the 51 providers (17%) who did not achieve the 95% NHS Standard Contract threshold in Quarter 4 2016/17, 64.7% (33 out of 51) achieved risk assessments for 90-94% of total admissions for VTE.

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

<https://www.england.nhs.uk/statistics/statistical-work-areas/vte/vte-risk-assessment-201617/>