

STATISTICAL PRESS NOTICE
MONTHLY CRITICAL CARE BEDS AND CANCELLED URGENT OPERATIONS
DATA, ENGLAND MAY 2017

Main Findings – May 2017:

Critical Care Beds

- There were 4,063 adult critical care beds available and 3,279 occupied, giving an occupancy rate of 80.7%. This is lower than the occupancy rate observed last month, which was 82.5%, and lower than in May 2016 (83.6%).
- There were 454 pediatric critical care beds available and 362 occupied, giving an occupancy rate of 79.7%. This is higher than the occupancy rate observed last month, which was 78.9%, and lower than in May 2016 (80.8%).
- There were 1,444 neo-natal critical care beds available and 1,063 occupied, giving an occupancy rate of 73.6%. This is higher than the occupancy rate observed last month, which was 70.4% and lower than in May 2016 (75.4%).

Table 1 shows Critical Care Bed Occupancy rates since May 2015.

Cancelled Urgent Operations

- The number of urgent operations cancelled was 317 in May 2017, which compares to 276 in April 2017 and 339 in May 2016.
- The number of urgent operations cancelled for the second or subsequent time was 17 in May 2017.

Table 2 shows information on urgent operations cancelled from May 2015 to May 2017.

Details of critical care data and cancelled urgent operations data for individual organisations are available at:

<http://www.england.nhs.uk/statistics/critical-care-capacity/>

In addition, data on cancelled elective operations can be found at:

<http://www.england.nhs.uk/statistics/cancelled-elective-operations/>

Table 1 – Critical Care Bed Occupancy Rates – May 2015 to May 2017

Month	Adult Critical Care			Paediatric Critical Care			Neonatal Critical Care		
	Open	Occupied	%	Open	Occupied	%	Open	Occupied	%
May-15	3,962	3,269	82.5%	425	315	74.1%	1,396	1,009	72.3%
Jun-15	3,978	3,290	82.7%	428	328	76.6%	1,405	1,013	72.1%
Jul-15	3,981	3,313	83.2%	431	323	74.9%	1,404	990	70.5%
Aug-15	3,969	3,166	79.8%	429	307	71.6%	1,387	952	68.6%
Sep-15	3,962	3,284	82.9%	440	363	82.5%	1,401	1,047	74.7%
Oct-15	3,970	3,326	83.8%	443	362	81.7%	1,388	1,021	73.6%
Nov-15	3,996	3,350	83.8%	452	398	88.1%	1,417	1,000	70.6%
Dec-15	3,967	3,182	80.2%	455	385	84.6%	1,417	998	70.4%
Jan-16	4,021	3,466	86.2%	455	379	83.3%	1,404	978	69.7%
Feb-16	4,016	3,516	87.5%	451	368	81.6%	1,414	997	70.5%
Mar-16	4,015	3,428	85.4%	454	368	81.1%	1,414	989	69.9%
Apr -16	3,976	3,189	80.2%	454	360	79.3%	1,419	1,016	71.6%
May -16	4,008	3,341	83.6%	463	374	80.8%	1,421	1,071	75.4%
Jun -16	3,990	3,338	83.7%	468	393	84.0%	1,411	1,020	72.3%
Jul -16	4,027	3,324	82.6%	462	369	79.9%	1,406	979	69.6%
Aug -16	4,015	3,255	81.1%	461	349	75.7%	1,406	1,002	71.3%
Sep -16	4,035	3,323	82.4%	462	367	79.4%	1,408	994	70.6%
Oct -16	4,059	3,321	81.8%	461	352	76.4%	1,420	1,001	70.5%
Nov -16	4,055	3,409	84.1%	483	427	88.4%	1,401	1,016	72.5%
Dec -16	4,027	3,300	81.9%	456	357	78.3%	1,437	1,031	71.7%
Jan-17	4,073	3,445	84.6%	463	378	81.6%	1,412	1,039	73.6%
Feb-17	4,084	3,445	84.4%	455	366	80.4%	1,407	982	69.8%
Mar-17	4,066	3,312	81.5%	460	373	81.1%	1,436	1,001	69.7%
Apr-17	4,064	3,351	82.5%	455	359	78.9%	1,414	996	70.4%
May-17	4,063	3,279	80.7%	454	362	79.7%	1,444	1,063	73.6%

Notes:

1. Data relating to the number of available and occupied critical care beds is a monthly snapshot taken at midnight on the last Thursday of each month and can fluctuate from month to month.
2. Before February 2011, data on Critical Care beds were published bi-annually in a separate collection. Therefore, Critical Care data published until January 2011 should be treated with a degree of caution.

Table 2 – Cancelled Operations – May 2015 to May 2017

Month	Urgent Operations Cancelled
May 2015	300
June 2015	266
July 2015	296
August 2015	274
September 2015	308
October 2015	371
November 2015	243
December 2015	332
January 2016	293
February 2016	371
March 2016	359
April 2016	319
May 2016	339
June 2016	318
July 2016	299
August 2016	311
September 2016	373
October 2016	363
November 2016	404
December 2016	300
January 2017	360
February 2017	339
March 2017	376
April 2017	276
May 2017	317

Statistical Notes to Editors

1. Critical Care data

Data relating to the number of available and occupied critical care beds is a monthly snapshot taken at midnight on the last Thursday of each month and can fluctuate from month to month.

2. Data Quality

Monthly SitReps data has been collected and published since August 2010. Prior to August 2010, data was collected weekly and was un-validated management information.

Critical care data published until January 2011 should be treated with a degree of caution as data on Critical Care beds was published bi-annually in a separate collection until January 2011. Since February 2011, there has been a significant improvement in the coverage and accuracy of this data.

3. Data Availability

Monthly Sitreps data is published approximately 3 – 4 weeks after the end of the reference period.

4. 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/>

5. Feedback Welcomed

We welcome feedback on the content and presentation of Critical Care and Cancelled Operations 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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