

STATISTICAL PRESS NOTICE MONTHLY DELAYED TRANSFERS OF CARE DATA, ENGLAND, JUNE 2017

Main Findings – June 2017:

Delayed Transfers of Care

- There were 178,400 total delayed days in June 2017, of which 116,700 were in acute care. This is an increase from June 2016, where there were 173,100 total delayed days, of which 116,700 were in acute care.
- The 178,400 total delayed days in June 2017 is equivalent to 5,948 daily DTOC beds. This compares to 5,755 in May 2017 and 5,771 in June 2016.
- 54.9% of all delays in June 2017 were attributable to the NHS, 38.0% were attributable to Social Care and the remaining 7.1% were attributable to both NHS and Social Care.
- The proportion of delays attributable to Social Care has increased over the last year to 38.0% in June 2017, compared to 32.4% in June 2016.
- The main reason for NHS delays in June 2017 was “patients awaiting further non-acute NHS care”. This accounted for 28,600 delayed days (29.2% of all NHS delays). The number of delays attributable to this reason showed a general increase between July 2015 and April 2016, before levelling off for several months. The number of delays attributable to this reason has decreased slightly in June after a small increase in May.
- The main reason for Social Care delays in June 2017 was “patients awaiting care package in their own home”. This accounted for 22,300 delayed days (32.8% of all Social Care delays), compared to 19,900 in June 2016. The number of delays attributable to this reason had been increasing steadily since February 2015 and reached a peak in December 2016. Delays attributable to this reason increased slightly in June after decreasing in April and May.
- Delays can occur in either an acute or non-acute care setting. The proportion of delays occurring in acute care in June 2017 was 65.4% compared to 67.4% in June 2016.

Table 1 shows information on delayed transfers of care from June 2014 to June 2017.

Table 2 shows the number of delayed transfers of care by type of care, reason for delay and responsible organisation for June 2017.

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 – June 2014 to June 2017

Month	Delayed Transfers of Care	
	Total Days Delayed	DTOC Beds
June 2014	124,118	4,137
July 2014	133,903	4,319
August 2014	137,613	4,439
September 2014	138,267	4,609
October 2014	142,927	4,611
November 2014	140,949	4,698
December 2014	139,025	4,485
January 2015	150,392	4,851
February 2015	134,353	4,798
March 2015	140,390	4,529
April 2015	138,030	4,601
May 2015	137,115	4,423
June 2015	139,538	4,651
July 2015	147,376	4,754
August 2015	145,093	4,680
September 2015	147,738	4,925
October 2015	160,130	5,165
November 2015	153,155	5,105
December 2015	154,008	4,968
January 2016	159,467	5,144
February 2016	158,055	5,450
March 2016	169,882	5,480
April 2016	168,018	5,601
May 2016	172,294	5,558
June 2016	173,122	5,771
July 2016	184,578	5,954
August 2016	187,851	6,060
September 2016	196,570	6,552
October 2016	200,095	6,455
November 2016	193,206	6,440
December 2016	195,445	6,305
January 2017	197,329	6,365
February 2017	186,068	6,645
March 2017	199,260	6,428
April 2017	177,137	5,905
May 2017	178,390	5,755
June 2017	178,441	5,948

Notes:

1. As of April 2017, patient snapshot data is no longer being collected.

Table 2 – Delayed Transfers of Care by Type of Care, Reason for Delay and Responsible Organisation – June 2017

Type of Care	Reason For Delay	Total Days Delayed		
		NHS	Social Care	Both
Acute	A) Awaiting completion of assessment	9,763	8,763	1,994
	B) Awaiting public funding	1,933	786	112
	C) Awaiting further non-acute NHS care (including intermediate care, rehabilitation services etc)	23,933	NA	NA
	Dii) Awaiting nursing home placement or availability	8,368	7,242	535
	Di) Awaiting residential home placement or availability	2,547	6,728	NA
	E) Awaiting care package in own home	6,581	13,747	3,874
	F) Awaiting community equipment and adaptations	2,494	349	362
	G) Patient or family choice	12,631	1,492	NA
	H) Disputes	418	332	NA
	I) Housing – patients not covered by NHS and Community Care Act	1,696	NA	NA
	Non-Acute	A) Awaiting completion of assessment	3,510	3,601
B) Awaiting public funding		1,286	2,007	1,013
C) Awaiting further non-acute NHS care (including intermediate care, rehabilitation services etc)		4,660	NA	NA
Dii) Awaiting nursing home placement or availability		2,556	4,404	1,477
Di) Awaiting residential home placement or availability		3,452	7,390	NA
E) Awaiting care package in own home		2,508	8,527	1,865
F) Awaiting community equipment and adaptations		917	295	90
G) Patient or family choice		4,871	1,499	NA
H) Disputes		712	397	NA
I) Housing – patients not covered by NHS and Community Care Act		3,039	NA	NA
O) Other		66	294	118
All	Total	97,941	67,853	12,647

Notes:

1. NA means the combination of reason and responsible organisation is not permitted.
2. As of April 2017, a new 'Other' category has been added for non-acute delays. This category is used for delays reported in NHS Digital's Mental Health Services Data Set (MHSDS v2.0) which cannot be mapped to existing codes within the NHS England Delayed Transfers of Care collection.

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/>

The daily DTOC beds measure is calculated by dividing the total number of delayed days in the month by the number of calendar days.

As of April 2017, the count of patients delayed on the last Thursday of the month is no longer being collected. Historical data for this measure will remain available on the NHS England Statistics website.

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 six weeks after the end of the reference period. The next publication of this report and accompanying data will be 14th September, 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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