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STATISTICAL PRESS NOTICE

The following statistics were released today by NHS England:

Bed Availability and Occupancy – Quarter ending 30th September, 2017:

The KH03 is a Quarterly collection from all NHS organisations that operate beds, ordinary or day case. It collects the total number of available bed days and the total number of occupied bed days by consultant main specialty. The main findings are summarised below.

Occupancy Rates

- The average occupancy rate for all beds open overnight was 87.1% in Quarter 2 2017/18 compared with 87.2% in Quarter 1 2017/18.
- The average occupancy rate for general and acute beds open overnight was 88.9% in Quarter 2 2017/18 compared with 89.1% in Quarter 1 2017/18.

Bed Numbers

The following four comparisons take account of missing data in Quarter 2.

- The average daily number of beds open overnight was 128,309 in Quarter 2 2017/18 compared with 130,417 in Quarter 1 2017/18.
- The average daily number of general and acute beds open overnight was 101,113 in Quarter 2 2017/18 compared with 103,002 in Quarter 1 2017/18.
- The average daily number of general and acute beds open overnight was 101,113 in Quarter 2 2017/18 compared with 102,061 in Quarter 2 2016/17.
- The average daily number of day only beds was 12,379 in Quarter 2 2017/18 compared with 12,365 in Quarter 1 2017/18.

Missing data

East and North Hertfordshire NHS Trust (RWH) did not submit a return during Quarter 2 2017/18.

The Quarter 2 estimates above were calculated by adding estimated figures for East and North Hertfordshire NHS Trust based on the number of beds submitted in Quarter 2 2016/17 (695 total overnight beds, 647 overnight G&A beds, 58 total day only beds).

The occupancy rates exclude this trust and so are unaffected by the non-submissions.

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Notes to Editors

This dataset covers the number of beds for each NHS provider that are available for patients to have treatment or care.

Feedback welcomed

We welcome feedback on the content and presentation of these statistics within this Statistical Press Notice and those published on the NHS England website. If anyone has any comments on this, or any other issues regarding the data and statistics, then please email:

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Additional Information

Full details of activity data for individual organisations are available at:

<http://www.england.nhs.uk/statistics/bed-availability-and-occupancy/>

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