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**STATISTICAL PRESS NOTICE**

The following statistics were released today by NHS England:

Bed Availability and Occupancy – Quarter ending 31<sup>st</sup> December, 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 88.4% in Quarter 3 2017/18 compared with 87.1% in Quarter 2 2017/18.
- The average occupancy rate for general and acute beds open overnight was 90.7% in Quarter 3 2017/18 compared with 89.0% in Quarter 2 2017/18.

**Bed Numbers**

The following four comparisons make an estimate for one trust's missing data in Quarter 3 2016/17.

- The average daily number of beds open overnight was 128,413 in Quarter 3 2017/18 compared with 128,256 in Quarter 2 2017/18.
- The average daily number of general and acute beds open overnight was 101,326 in Quarter 3 2017/18 compared with 101,043 in Quarter 2 2017/18.
- The average daily number of general and acute beds open overnight was 101,326 in Quarter 3 2017/18 compared with 102,745 in Quarter 3 2016/17 (101,827 without estimate for missing data).
- The average daily number of day only beds was 12,412 in Quarter 3 2017/18 compared with 12,476 in Quarter 2 2017/18.

**Missing data**

Gloucestershire Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust (RTE) did not submit a return during Quarter 3 2016/17.

The Quarter 3 estimates above were calculated by adding estimated figures for Gloucestershire Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust based on the number of beds submitted in Quarter 3 2015/16 (918 G&A overnight beds).

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

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**Revisions**

Previous figures for Quarter 2 2017/18 included an estimate for East and North Hertfordshire NHS Trust. This trust has now submitted figures for this quarter and the previous estimate has been replaced by the actual figures. This results in a reduction of 70 general and acute beds from the previous estimate, both in East and North Hertfordshire NHS Trust and nationally.

**Winter beds data**

Note that during winter, NHS England also publish weekly summaries of general and acute daily bed availability as part of the Winter Situation Reports publication at the link below

<https://www.england.nhs.uk/statistics/statistical-work-areas/winter-daily-sitreps/winter-daily-sitrep-2017-18-data/>

**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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