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STATISTICAL PRESS NOTICE

The following statistics were released today by NHS England:

Bed Availability and Occupancy – Quarter ending 31st March, 2018:

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 90.0% in Quarter 4 2017/18 compared with 88.4% in Quarter 3 2017/18 and 89.0% in Quarter 4 2016/17.
- The average occupancy rate for general and acute beds open overnight was 92.6% in Quarter 4 2017/18 compared with 90.7% in Quarter 3 2017/18 and 91.4% in Quarter 4 2016/17.
- The occupancy rate this quarter is the highest recorded since quarterly bed occupancy data was published

Bed Numbers

The following four comparisons include an estimate for one trust's missing data in Quarter 4 2016/17.

- The average daily number of beds open overnight was 130,232 in Quarter 4 2017/18 compared with 128,299 in Quarter 3 2017/18.
- The average daily number of general and acute beds open overnight was 103,358 in Quarter 4 2017/18 compared with 101,222 in Quarter 3 2017/18.
- The average daily number of general and acute beds open overnight was 103,358 in Quarter 4 2017/18 compared with 104,554 in Quarter 4 2016/17 (103,622 without estimate for missing data).
- The average daily number of day only beds was 12,496 in Quarter 4 2017/18 compared with 12,409 in Quarter 3 2017/18.

Missing data

Gloucestershire Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust (RTE) did not submit a return during Quarter 4 2016/17.

The Quarter 4 estimates above were calculated by adding estimated figures for Gloucestershire Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust based on the number of beds submitted in Quarter 4 2015/16 (932 G&A overnight beds).

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

Revisions

We have processed revisions received for data from Quarter 1 2017/18 to Quarter 3 2017/18, inclusive. All published data has been updated to reflect this. The revisions have not had a significant impact at England level.

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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