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This revision protocol relates to the data collected through the Strategic Data Collection Service (SDCS) system and disseminated by the NHS England Analytical Services. The range of published information covered by this policy is shown in the table below. This policy is consistent with the National Statistics Code of Practice¹ and the UK Statistics Authority's guidance on revisions².

Dissemination

The publication of scheduled revised data will be via a statistical press notice every six months, released in line with NHS England's statistical release policy³. Revisions to individual providers and commissioners will be reflected in the England total and, for some publications, in the regional totals as well, and the impact on previously published data will be summarised on release. Explanations for any revisions will be made available on request.

Timing

NHS England Analytical Services will normally publish revisions to the data on a six-monthly basis to dates that will be included in NHS England's Statistics 12-month publication plan. However, we reserve the right to make more frequent, unscheduled changes if necessary. Any significant revisions received after the revision period has closed will generally not be disseminated until the next scheduled revision.

Historic data

Revisions will relate usually to the six months prior to the revisions publication date. In exceptional circumstances revisions will go further back, if not doing so would materially distort the historical time series or would unduly impact on the assessment of an organisation's performance against a national target or standard.

Decisions about revisions

NHS England Analytical Services reserve the right to refuse any revisions that do not make material differences to published datasets. Final decisions about publishing revised data will be taken after consultations with senior professional NHS England analysts. The normal pre-release procedure will apply to revisions.

Process for submitting revisions

Revision requests to a given data collection will be made to the collections associated email in the table on the next page. More detailed guidance for NHS organisations is posted on the FutureNHS collaboration platform.

¹ Available at: <http://www.statisticsauthority.gov.uk/assessment/code-of-practice/index.html>

² For further information, consult the *National Statistician's Guidance: Presentation and Publication of Official Statistics*, available at: <http://www.statisticsauthority.gov.uk/national-statistician/ns-reports--reviews-and-guidance/national-statistician-s-guidance/index.html>

³ <https://www.england.nhs.uk/statistics/wp-content/uploads/sites/2/2012/04/Joint-DH-NHS-England-Revisions-and-Corrections-Policy-January-2014.pdf>

Cancer Waiting Times

The principles on revisions set out in this document also apply to Cancer Waiting Times data collected through SDCS. The exception is the process for submitting revisions whereby records can be manually created or modified at any time when the system is open. These will be processed by the system according to the timetable published on the NHS Digital website [here](#)

SDCS data collections subject to scheduled revisions

Publication Title	Data Collection Name	Contact Email
Accident and Emergency Waiting Times & Activity (monthly)	MSitAE	england.nhsdata@nhs.net
Ambulance Quality Indicators (monthly)	AMBCO/AMBSYS	i.kay@nhs.net
Bed Availability and Occupancy (quarterly)	KH03	england.nhsdata@nhs.net
Cancelled Elective Operations (quarterly)	QMCO	england.nhsdata@nhs.net
		For system queries on the processing of revisions data.collections@nhs.net
		For queries on the publication of revisions england.cancerwaitsdata@nhs.net
Consultant-led Referral to Treatment (RTT) Waiting Times (monthly)	18wksRTT	england.rtt@nhs.net
Critical Care Bed Capacity and Urgent Operations Cancelled (monthly)	MSitrep	england.nhsdata@nhs.net
Delayed Transfers of Care (monthly)	MSitDT	england.nhsdata@nhs.net
Dementia Assessment and Referral (monthly)	Dementia	england.dementia@nhs.net
Diagnostic Test Census (quarterly)	DiagCens	england.nhsdata@nhs.net
Diagnostic Test Waiting Times & Activity (monthly)	DM01	england.nhsdata@nhs.net
Direct Access Audiology Waiting Times (monthly)	ADWT	england.nhsdata@nhs.net
Hospital Activity (monthly)	MAR	england.nhsdata@nhs.net
Hospital activity - Inpatient Elective Admission Events, Outpatient Referrals and Attendances (quarterly)	QAR	england.nhsdata@nhs.net
Mental Health Community Teams Activity (quarterly)	MHPrvCom	england.nhsdata@nhs.net
Mixed Sex Accommodation Breaches (monthly)	MSA	england.nhsdata@nhs.net