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STATISTICAL PRESS NOTICE

The following statistics were released today by NHS England:

Bed Availability and Occupancy – Quarter ending 31st December 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 87.9% in Quarter 3 2018/19 compared with 87.3% in Quarter 2 2018/19 and 88.4% in Quarter 3 2017/18.
- The average occupancy rate for general and acute beds open overnight was 90.2% in Quarter 3 2018/19 compared with 89.1% in Quarter 2 2018/19 and 90.7% in Quarter 3 2017/18.

Bed Numbers

- The average daily number of beds open overnight was 127,589 in Quarter 3 2018/19 compared with 127,305 in Quarter 2 2018/19, and 128,299 in Quarter 3 2017/18.
- The average daily number of general and acute beds open overnight was 100,535 in Quarter 3 2018/19 compared with 100,379 in Quarter 2 2018/19 and 101,222 in Quarter 3 2017/18.
- The average daily number of available day only beds was 12,609 in Quarter 3 2018/19 compared with 12,486 in Quarter 2 2018/19, and 12,409 in Quarter 3 2017/18.

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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/

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: england.nhsdata@nhs.net

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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