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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> March 2019:

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 89.1% in Quarter 4 2018/19 compared with 88.0% in Quarter 3 2018/19 and 90.0% in Quarter 4 2017/18.
- The average occupancy rate for general and acute beds open overnight was 91.7% in Quarter 4 2018/19 compared with 90.2% in Quarter 3 2018/19 and 92.6% in Quarter 4 2017/18.

**Bed Numbers**

- The average daily number of beds open overnight was 129,992 in Quarter 4 2018/19 compared with 127,571 in Quarter 3 2018/19, and 130,194 in Quarter 4 2017/18.
- The average daily number of general and acute beds open overnight was 103,021 in Quarter 4 2018/19 compared with 100,535 in Quarter 3 2018/19 and 103,335 in Quarter 4 2017/18.
- The average daily number of available day only beds was 12,767 in Quarter 4 2018/19 compared with 12,609 in Quarter 3 2018/19, and 12,493 in Quarter 4 2017/18.

**Revisions**

We have processed revisions received for data from Quarter 3 2017/18 to Quarter 3 2018/19, inclusive. All published data have been updated to reflect this.

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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:

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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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