

National Wheelchair Data Collection

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Statistical Briefing



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The National Wheelchair Data Collection is a Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) level collection. It is intended to provide a national view of NHS wheelchair services in England by collecting information on the number of, cost, access to, and patient experience of wheelchair services to enable transparency and benchmarking. It enables NHS England to better understand NHS wheelchair services and thereby to improve the commissioning of those services and the outcomes for people who use wheelchairs.

Data is submitted quarterly via NHS Digital's Strategic Data Collection Service (SDCS).

[NHS Planning Guidance](#) includes wheelchairs. It is expected that CCGs will achieve 92% in relation to the 18-week Referral to Treatment (RTT) standard waiting time for children. This has been reduced from the previous 100% following feedback from key stakeholders and a review of the target. NHS England and NHS Improvement are holding CCGs to account for performance against this target through the [CCG assurance programme](#).

Further information on the collection can be found on the NHS England website: <https://www.england.nhs.uk/wheelchair-services/>.

The collection is published as an official statistic commencing quarter one of 2019-20 (April – June 2019): <https://www.england.nhs.uk/statistics/statistical-work-areas/national-wheelchair/>.

The collection was previously published as an experimental statistic. Quarterly data from quarter 2 of 2015-16 (July – September 2015) can be downloaded from the NHS England website: <https://www.england.nhs.uk/wheelchair-services/nhse-role/>.

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Summary Statistics

Percentages are calculated as numerator divided by denominator. The numerator is the count of individual patients for which the stated condition was met. The denominator is the matching count of all patients prescribed equipment. Data is taken from Q.3a & b of the collection.

THE PROPORTION OF PATIENTS WHOSE EPISODE OF CARE WAS CLOSED IN THE REPORTING PERIOD AND PRESCRIBED EQUIPMENT WAS DELIVERED WITHIN 18 WEEKS OR LESS:



Data Quality Statement

The collection uses data collected quarterly via NHS Digital's Strategic Data Collection Service (SDCS) on behalf of NHS England and NHS Improvement. The full data set that accompanies this briefing is available to download from the NHS England website:

<https://www.england.nhs.uk/statistics/statistical-work-areas/national-wheelchair/>.

A number of validations and other checks are conducted as part the processing of the data set to ensure the reasonableness of the data. Details of coverage, completeness and a discussion on the types of data quality issues encountered are provided as part of the published data set referenced above.

Data for this publication is collected from the beginning of the month after the period end. The collection closes on the 16th of that month. Any data submitted after that date may not be included in the published data, although we work with providers to facilitate inclusion when possible.

Glossary

Term	Definition
Adult	A patient is considered to be an adult from the date of their 18 th birthday onwards.
CCG	Clinical Commissioning Group
Child	A patient is considered to be a child up to their 18 th birthday.
Closed Episode of Care	Patient pathway is complete, i.e. new equipment and/or accessories (or a necessary modification to prescribed equipment, or no change identified) received by the patient.
Currently registered	Patients active with the service either through the long-term loan of a piece of equipment or through an open episode of care.
Handed over	Where all equipment identified in the 'prescription decision' is delivered to the wheelchair user or where existing equipment is modified /adjusted to meet the 'prescription decision'.