COVID-19 and the production of statistics

(Updated 1st October 2020)

Due to the coronavirus illness (COVID-19) and the need to release capacity across the NHS to support the response, we paused the collection and publication of some of our official statistics. Initially this applied to the statistics listed in Annex A, for data due to be submitted between 1 April and 30 June. This was subsequently extended to apply to data due to be submitted between 1 July and 30 September.

The list of data collections that have been paused has now been updated for Quarter 3 and 4 2020/21. The table below outlines which collections will continue to be paused. The dates on which those statistics would have been released are also shown in the table.

We will keep the list and dates under review ahead of 2021/22 Q1 to establish if further collections should be reinstated or paused.

This decision is informed by the Office for Statistics Regulation's guidance on Changes to statistical outputs during the coronavirus outbreak.

If you have any comments or questions, please contact us.

1. Data sets paused for Q3 and Q4 2020/21

Title	Designation	Frequency	Dates would have been due for submission	Dates would have been published
Critical Care Bed Capacity and Urgent Operations Cancelled	Official Statistics	Monthly	12th October 11th November 10th December 13th January 10th February 10th March	12th November 10th December 14th January 11th February 11th March 8th April
Delayed Transfers of Care	Official Statistics	Monthly	19th October 18th November 17th December 20th January 17th February 17th March	12th November 10th December 14th January 11th February 11th March 8th April
Cancelled elective operations	Official Statistics	Quarterly	28th October 29th January	12th November 11th February
Audiology	Official Statistics	Monthly	2nd November 2nd December 5th January 3rd February 3rd March	19th November 17th December 21st January 18th February 18th March 15th April

Mixed-sex Accommodation	Official Statistics	Monthly	9th October 10th November 9th December 12th January 9th February 9th March	12th November 10th December 14th January 11th February 11th March 8th April
Venous Thromboembolism (VTE)	Official Statistics	Quarterly	29th October 1st February	1st December 2nd March
Mental Health Community Teams Activity	Official Statistics	Quarterly	16th October 19th January	13th November 12th February
Dementia Assessment and Referral Return	Official Statistics	Monthly	28th October 30th November 4th January 28th January 26th February 26th March	2nd December 6th January 3rd February 3rd March 7th April 5th May

Annex A: Suspensions announced in April 2020[1]

Title	Designation	Frequency	Dates due to be submitted	Dates due to be published
Critical Care Bed Capacity and Urgent Operations Cancelled	Official Statistics	Monthly	14th April 13th May 10th June	14th May 11th June 9th July
Delayed Transfers of Care	Official Statistics	Monthly	21st April 20th May 17th June	14th May 11th June 9th July
Cancelled elective operations	Official Statistics	Quarterly	30th April	14th May
Audiology	Official Statistics	Monthly	21st April 20th May 17th June	21st May 18th June 16th July
Mixed-Sex Accommodation	Official Statistics	Monthly	9th April 12th May 9th June	14th May 11th June 9th July
Venous Thromboembolism (VTE)	Official Statistics	Quarterly	24th April	4th June
Ambulance Quality Indicators – Clinical Outcomes	National Statistics	Monthly	22nd April 22nd May 22nd June	14th May 11th June 9th July
Dementia Assessment and Referral	Official Statistics	Monthly	28th April 28th May 29th June	3rd June 1st July 5th August
Mental Health Community Teams Activity	Official Statistics	Quarterly	20th April	15th May

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[1] The Bed Availability and Occupancy collection (KH03) for Q4 2019/20 was included in error in the original list. This was subsequently removed.