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STATISTICAL PRESS NOTICE

The following statistics were released today by NHS England:

Bed Availability and Occupancy – Quarter ending 30th September 2020:

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.

It should be noted that bed numbers and particularly occupancy rates have been affected in Q2 2020-21 by the response to the Covid-19 pandemic.

Occupancy Rates

- The average occupancy rate for all beds open overnight was 77.0% in Quarter 2 2020/21 compared with 64.3% in Quarter 1 2020/21 and 88.0% in Quarter 2 2019/20.
- The average occupancy rate for general and acute beds open overnight was 77.4% in Quarter 2 2020/21 compared with 62.7% in Quarter 1 2020/21 and 90.0% in Quarter 2 2019/20.

Bed Numbers

- The average daily number of beds open overnight was 120,828 in Quarter 2 2020/21 compared with 118,510 in Quarter 1 2020/21, and 127,186 in Quarter 2 2019/20.
- The average daily number of general and acute beds open overnight was 94,787 in Quarter 2 2020/21 compared with 92,559 in Quarter 1 2020/21 and 100,370 in Quarter 2 2019/20.
- The average daily number of available day only beds was 11,263 in Quarter 2 2020/21 compared with 9,797 in Quarter 1 2020/21, and 12,906 in Quarter 2 2019/20.

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Weekly beds data

Note that from 12th November 2020, NHS England and NHS Improvement also publish weekly summaries of general and acute daily bed availability as part of the Urgent and Emergency Care Situation Reports publication at the link below.

<https://www.england.nhs.uk/statistics/statistical-work-areas/uec-sitrep/>

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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