

COVID-19 and the production of statistics

(Updated 16th March 2021)

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. The dates on which those statistics would have been released are also shown in the table.

The list of data collections has been updated for Quarter 1 2021/22. The tables below outline which collections will continue to be paused; which have been reinstated having been paused in Q1; and which have been permanently stopped.

We will keep the list and dates under review ahead of 2020/21 Q2 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 Q1 2021/22

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	14 th April 14 th May 11 th June	13 th May 10 th June 8 th July
Delayed Transfers of Care	Official Statistics	Monthly	21 st April 20 th May 17 th June	13 th May 10 th June 8 th July
Cancelled elective operations	Official Statistics	Quarterly	28 th April	13 th May
Audiology	Official Statistics	Monthly	21 st April 21 st May 18 th June	20 th May 17 th June 15 th July
Venous Thromboembolism (VTE)	Official Statistics	Quarterly	29 th April	1 st June
Mental Health Community Teams Activity	Official Statistics	Quarterly	20 th April	14 th May

Mixed-sex Accommodation	Official Statistics	Monthly	13 th April 12 th May 9 th June	13 th May 10 th June 8 th July
Dementia Assessment and Referral Return	Official Statistics	Monthly	28 th April 28 th May 28 th June	5 th May 2 nd June 7 th July

2. Data sets paused previously 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	12 th October 11 th November 10 th December 13 th January 10 th February 10 th March	12 th November 10 th December 14 th January 11 th February 11 th March 8 th April
Delayed Transfers of Care	Official Statistics	Monthly	19 th October 18 th November 17 th December 20 th January 17 th February 17 th March	12 th November 10 th December 14 th January 11 th February 11 th March 8 th April
Cancelled elective operations	Official Statistics	Quarterly	28 th October 29 th January	12 th November 11 th February
Audiology	Official Statistics	Monthly	19 th October 18 th November 17 th December 20 th January 17 th February 17 th March	19 th November 17 th December 21 st January 18 th February 18 th March 15 th April
Mixed-sex Accommodation	Official Statistics	Monthly	9 th October 10 th November 9 th December 12 th January 9 th February 9 th March	12 th November 10 th December 14 th January 11 th February 11 th March 8 th April

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

A consultation took place to seek feedback from users regarding proposals to terminate the Quarterly Activity return (QAR), and significantly reduce the scope of the Monthly Activity Return (MAR). The rationale was that much of the information could be similarly derived from patient-level data sets, thereby reducing the NHS data collection burden. Responses to the consultation were reviewed and a decision made to retire QAR following the publication of Q4 2019/20 and reduce the scope of MAR to collect referrals information only following the publication of May 2020 data.

3. Data sets paused previously for Q2 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	10 th July 12 th August 10 th September	13 th August 10 th September 8 th October
Delayed Transfers of Care	Official Statistics	Monthly	17 th July 19 th August 17 th September	13 th August 10 th September 8 th October
Cancelled elective operations	Official Statistics	Quarterly	28 th July	13 th August
Audiology	Official Statistics	Monthly	10 th July 12 th August 10 th September	20 th August 17 th September 15 th October
Mixed-sex Accommodation	Official Statistics	Monthly	9 th July 11 th August 9 th September	13 th August 10 th September 8 th October
Venous Thromboembolism (VTE)	Official Statistics	Quarterly	29 th October	1 st December

Mental Health Community Teams Activity	Official Statistics	Quarterly	16 th July (TBC)	14 th August
Dementia Assessment and Referral Return	Official Statistics	Monthly	28 th July 28 th August 28 th Sept	2 nd September 7 th October 4 th November

4. Suspensions announced in April 2020¹ (Q1 2020/21)

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

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