

## COVID-19 and the production of statistics

(Updated 21st April 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 section 4, for data due to be submitted between 1 April and 30 June 2020. 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; and which have been permanently stopped.

We will keep the list and dates under review ahead of 2021/22 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 <sup>th</sup> April 14 <sup>th</sup> May 11 <sup>th</sup> June	13 <sup>th</sup> May 10 <sup>th</sup> June 8 <sup>th</sup> July
Delayed Transfers of Care	Official Statistics	Monthly	21 <sup>st</sup> April 20 <sup>th</sup> May 17 <sup>th</sup> June	13 <sup>th</sup> May 10 <sup>th</sup> June 8 <sup>th</sup> July
Cancelled elective operations	Official Statistics	Quarterly	28 <sup>th</sup> April	13 <sup>th</sup> May
Audiology	Official Statistics	Monthly	21 <sup>st</sup> April 21 <sup>st</sup> May 18 <sup>th</sup> June	20 <sup>th</sup> May 17 <sup>th</sup> June 15 <sup>th</sup> July
Venous Thromboembolism (VTE)	Official Statistics	Quarterly	29 <sup>th</sup> April	1 <sup>st</sup> June
Mixed-sex Accommodation	Official Statistics	Monthly	13 <sup>th</sup> April 12 <sup>th</sup> May 9 <sup>th</sup> June	13 <sup>th</sup> May 10 <sup>th</sup> June 8 <sup>th</sup> July
Dementia Assessment and Referral Return	Official Statistics	Monthly	28 <sup>th</sup> April 28 <sup>th</sup> May 28 <sup>th</sup> June	5 <sup>th</sup> May 2 <sup>nd</sup> June 7 <sup>th</sup> July

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A consultation took place to seek feedback from users regarding proposals to retire the Mental Health Community Teams Activity return. Responses to the consultation were reviewed and a decision made to retire this collection. See [Quarterly Mental Health Community Teams Activity Return Statistics Consultation - NHS England](#) for further information.

## 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 <sup>th</sup> October 11 <sup>th</sup> November 10 <sup>th</sup> December 13 <sup>th</sup> January 10 <sup>th</sup> February 10 <sup>th</sup> March	12 <sup>th</sup> November 10 <sup>th</sup> December 14 <sup>th</sup> January 11 <sup>th</sup> February 11 <sup>th</sup> March 8 <sup>th</sup> April
Delayed Transfers of Care	Official Statistics	Monthly	19 <sup>th</sup> October 18 <sup>th</sup> November 17 <sup>th</sup> December 20 <sup>th</sup> January 17 <sup>th</sup> February 17 <sup>th</sup> March	12 <sup>th</sup> November 10 <sup>th</sup> December 14 <sup>th</sup> January 11 <sup>th</sup> February 11 <sup>th</sup> March 8 <sup>th</sup> April
Cancelled elective operations	Official Statistics	Quarterly	28 <sup>th</sup> October 29 <sup>th</sup> January	12 <sup>th</sup> November 11 <sup>th</sup> February
Audiology	Official Statistics	Monthly	19 <sup>th</sup> October 18 <sup>th</sup> November 17 <sup>th</sup> December 20 <sup>th</sup> January 17 <sup>th</sup> February 17 <sup>th</sup> March	19 <sup>th</sup> November 17 <sup>th</sup> December 21 <sup>st</sup> January 18 <sup>th</sup> February 18 <sup>th</sup> March 15 <sup>th</sup> April
Mixed-sex Accommodation	Official Statistics	Monthly	9 <sup>th</sup> October 10 <sup>th</sup> November 9 <sup>th</sup> December 12 <sup>th</sup> January 9 <sup>th</sup> February 9 <sup>th</sup> March	12 <sup>th</sup> November 10 <sup>th</sup> December 14 <sup>th</sup> January 11 <sup>th</sup> February 11 <sup>th</sup> March 8 <sup>th</sup> April

Venous Thromboembolism (VTE)	Official Statistics	Quarterly	29 <sup>th</sup> October	1 <sup>st</sup> December
Mental Health Community Teams Activity	Official Statistics	Quarterly	16 <sup>th</sup> October (TBC) 19 <sup>th</sup> January	13 <sup>th</sup> November 12 <sup>th</sup> February
Dementia Assessment and Referral Return	Official Statistics	Monthly	28 <sup>th</sup> October 30 <sup>th</sup> November 4 <sup>th</sup> January 28 <sup>th</sup> January 26 <sup>th</sup> February 26 <sup>th</sup> March	2 <sup>nd</sup> December 6 <sup>th</sup> January 3 <sup>rd</sup> February 3 <sup>rd</sup> March 7 <sup>th</sup> April 5 <sup>th</sup> 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 <sup>th</sup> July 12 <sup>th</sup> August 10 <sup>th</sup> September	13 <sup>th</sup> August 10 <sup>th</sup> September 8 <sup>th</sup> October
Delayed Transfers of Care	Official Statistics	Monthly	17 <sup>th</sup> July 19 <sup>th</sup> August 17 <sup>th</sup> September	13 <sup>th</sup> August 10 <sup>th</sup> September 8 <sup>th</sup> October
Cancelled elective operations	Official Statistics	Quarterly	28 <sup>th</sup> July	13 <sup>th</sup> August
Audiology	Official Statistics	Monthly	10 <sup>th</sup> July 12 <sup>th</sup> August 10 <sup>th</sup> September	20 <sup>th</sup> August 17 <sup>th</sup> September 15 <sup>th</sup> October
Mixed-sex Accommodation	Official Statistics	Monthly	9 <sup>th</sup> July 11 <sup>th</sup> August 9 <sup>th</sup> September	13 <sup>th</sup> August 10 <sup>th</sup> September 8 <sup>th</sup> October
Venous Thromboembolism (VTE)	Official Statistics	Quarterly	29 <sup>th</sup> October	1 <sup>st</sup> December

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

#### 4. Suspensions announced in April 2020<sup>1</sup> (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 <sup>th</sup> April 13 <sup>th</sup> May 10 <sup>th</sup> June	14 <sup>th</sup> May 11 <sup>th</sup> June 9 <sup>th</sup> July
Delayed Transfers of Care	Official Statistics	Monthly	21 <sup>st</sup> April 20 <sup>th</sup> May 17 <sup>th</sup> June	14 <sup>th</sup> May 11 <sup>th</sup> June 9 <sup>th</sup> July
Cancelled elective operations	Official Statistics	Quarterly	30 <sup>th</sup> April	14 <sup>th</sup> May
Audiology	Official Statistics	Monthly	21 <sup>st</sup> April 20 <sup>th</sup> May 17 <sup>th</sup> June	21 <sup>st</sup> May 18 <sup>th</sup> June 16 <sup>th</sup> July
Mixed-Sex Accommodation	Official Statistics	Monthly	9 <sup>th</sup> April 12 <sup>th</sup> May 9 <sup>th</sup> June	14 <sup>th</sup> May 11 <sup>th</sup> June 9 <sup>th</sup> July
Venous Thromboembolism (VTE)	Official Statistics	Quarterly	24 <sup>th</sup> April	4 <sup>th</sup> June
Ambulance Quality Indicators – Clinical Outcomes	National Statistics	Monthly	22 <sup>nd</sup> April 22 <sup>nd</sup> May 22 <sup>nd</sup> June	14 <sup>th</sup> May 11 <sup>th</sup> June 9 <sup>th</sup> July
Dementia Assessment and Referral	Official Statistics	Monthly	28 <sup>th</sup> April 28 <sup>th</sup> May 29 <sup>th</sup> June	3 <sup>rd</sup> June 1 <sup>st</sup> July 5 <sup>th</sup> August
Mental Health Community Teams Activity	Official Statistics	Quarterly	20 <sup>th</sup> April	15 <sup>th</sup> May

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