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STATISTICAL PRESS NOTICE

The following statistics were released today by NHS England:

Bed Availability and Occupancy – Quarter ending 31st March 2021:

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 Q4 2020-21 by the response to the Covid-19 pandemic.

Occupancy Rates

- The average occupancy rate for all beds open overnight was 80.9% in Quarter 4 2020/21 compared with 81.1% in Quarter 3 2020/21 and 86.3% in Quarter 4 2019/20.
- The average occupancy rate for general and acute beds open overnight was 83.0% in Quarter 4 2020/21 compared with 83.1% in Quarter 3 2020/21 and 88.4% in Quarter 4 2019/20.

Bed Numbers

- The average daily number of beds open overnight was 122,312 in Quarter 4 2020/21 compared with 121,524 in Quarter 3 2020/21, and 128,943 in Quarter 4 2019/20.
- The average daily number of general and acute beds open overnight was 96,313 in Quarter 4 2020/21 compared with 95,649 in Quarter 3 2020/21 and 102,194 in Quarter 4 2019/20.
- The average daily number of available day only beds was 11,346 in Quarter 4 2020/21 compared with 11,602 in Quarter 3 2020/21, and 12,716 in Quarter 4 2019/20.

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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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