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STATISTICAL PRESS NOTICE

The following statistics were released today by NHS England:

Bed Availability and Occupancy – Quarter ending 30th September 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 Q2 2021-22 by the response to the Covid-19 pandemic.

Occupancy Rates

- The average occupancy rate for all beds open overnight was 85.8% in Quarter 2 2021/22 compared with 83.8% in Quarter 1 2021/22 and 77.1% in Quarter 2 2020/21.
- The average occupancy rate for general and acute beds open overnight was 87.6% in Quarter 2 2021/22 compared with 85.3% in Quarter 1 2021/22 and 77.4% in Quarter 2 2020/21.

Bed Numbers

- The average daily number of beds open overnight was 124,903 in Quarter 2 2021/22 compared with 123,902 in Quarter 1 2021/22, and 120,791 in Quarter 2 2020/21.
- The average daily number of general and acute beds open overnight was 98,000 in Quarter 2 2021/22 compared with 97,096 in Quarter 1 2021/22 and 94,787 in Quarter 2 2020/21.
- The average daily number of available day only beds was 11,975 in Quarter 2 2021/22 compared with 12,237 in Quarter 1 2021/22, and 11,260 in Quarter 2 2020/21.

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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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