

# National Wheelchair Data Collection

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Statistical Briefing

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The National Wheelchair Data Collection is a Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) level collection. It is intended to provide a national view of NHS wheelchair services in England by collecting information on the number of, cost, and access to wheelchair services to enable transparency and benchmarking. This is essential to improving the commissioning of wheelchair services, and similarly to improving outcomes for wheelchair users.

The data collection questions were developed through significant discussion and feedback from wheelchair service providers, wheelchair users, the National Wheelchair Managers Forum, CCGs and other key stakeholders.

Data is submitted quarterly via NHS Digital's Strategic Data Collection Service (SDCS).

Further information on the collection can be found on the NHS England website:

<https://www.england.nhs.uk/wheelchair-services/>.

The collection is published as an official statistic commencing quarter one of 2019-20 (April – June 2019): <https://www.england.nhs.uk/statistics/statistical-work-areas/national-wheelchair/>.

Due to a change in the number of and wording of questions, as of quarter 2 2021/22, data published from this quarter cannot be compared with data from previous quarters.

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## Summary Statistics

Percentages are calculated as numerator divided by denominator. The numerator is the count of individual patients for which the stated condition was met. The denominator is the matching count of all patients prescribed equipment. Data is taken from question 3 and question 4 of the collection.

The proportion of patients whose episode of care was closed in the reporting period and prescribed equipment was delivered within 18 weeks or less:

- Child 80.8%
- Adult 85.9%



## Data Quality Statement

The data is collected quarterly via NHS Digital's Strategic Data Collection Service (SDCS) on behalf of NHS England and NHS Improvement. The full data set that accompanies this briefing is available to download from the NHS England website:

<https://www.england.nhs.uk/statistics/statistical-work-areas/national-wheelchair/>.

Several validations and other checks are conducted as part of the processing of the data set to ensure the reasonableness of the data. Details of coverage, completeness, and a discussion on the types of data quality issues encountered are provided as part of the published data set referenced above.

Data for this publication is collected from the beginning of the month after the period end. The collection closes on the 18<sup>th</sup> of that month. Any data submitted after that date may not be included in the published data, although we work with providers to facilitate inclusion when possible.

## Glossary

<b>Term</b>	<b>Definition</b>
Adult	A patient is an adult from the date of their 18 <sup>th</sup> birthday onwards.
CCG	Clinical Commissioning Group
Child	A patient is a child up to their 18 <sup>th</sup> birthday.
Closed Episode of Care	Patient pathway is complete, i.e. new equipment and/or accessories (or a necessary modification to prescribed equipment, or no change identified) received by the patient.
Currently registered	Patients active with the service either through the long-term loan of a piece of equipment or through an open episode of care.
Handed over	Where all equipment identified in the 'prescription decision' is delivered to the wheelchair user or where existing equipment is modified /adjusted to meet the 'prescription decision'.