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STATISTICAL PRESS NOTICE

The following statistics were released today by NHS England:

Bed Availability and Occupancy – Quarter ending 31st March 2022:

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 2021-22 by the response to the Covid-19 pandemic.

Occupancy Rates

- The average occupancy rate for all beds open overnight was 87.0% in Quarter 4 2021/22 compared with 86.4% in Quarter 3 2021/22 and 80.9% in Quarter 4 2020/21.
- The average occupancy rate for general and acute beds open overnight was 89.3% in Quarter 4 2021/22 compared with 88.6% in Quarter 3 2021/22 and 83.0% in Quarter 4 2020/21.

Bed Numbers

- The average daily number of beds open overnight was 128,629 in Quarter 4 2021/22 compared with 126,682 in Quarter 3 2021/22, and 122,269 in Quarter 4 2020/21.
- The average daily number of general and acute beds open overnight was 101,970 in Quarter 4 2021/22 compared with 100,052 in Quarter 3 2021/22 and 96,298 in Quarter 4 2020/21.
- The average daily number of available day only beds was 11,911 in Quarter 4 2021/22 compared with 11,843 in Quarter 3 2021/22, and 11,330 in Quarter 4 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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