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**STATISTICAL PRESS NOTICE**

The following statistics were released today by NHS England:

Bed Availability and Occupancy – Quarter ending 31st December 2023:

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 Q3 2023-24 by the response to the Covid-19 pandemic.

**Occupancy Rates**

- The average occupancy rate for all beds open overnight was 89.5% in Quarter 3 2023/24 compared with 88.0% in Quarter 2 2023/24 and 89.7% in Quarter 3 2022/23.
- The average occupancy rate for general and acute beds open overnight was 91.6% in Quarter 3 2023/24 compared with 89.7% in Quarter 2 2023/24 and 92.0% in Quarter 3 2022/23.

**Bed Numbers**

- The average daily number of beds open overnight was 130,528 in Quarter 3 2023/24 compared with 129,023 in Quarter 2 2023/24, and 129,851 in Quarter 3 2022/23.
- The average daily number of general and acute beds open overnight was 104,455 in Quarter 3 2023/24 compared with 102,922 in Quarter 2 2023/24 and 103,523 in Quarter 3 2022/23.
- The average daily number of available day only beds was 12,722 in Quarter 3 2023/24 compared with 12,630 in Quarter 2 2023/24, and 12,128 in Quarter 3 2022/23.

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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**

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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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