

National Wheelchair Data Collection Quarter 1, 2026-27

Statistical Briefing

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The National Wheelchair Data Collection is an Integrated Care Board (ICB) level collection. It provides a national view of NHS wheelchair services in England by collecting information on the number, cost, and access to wheelchair services to enable transparency and benchmarking. It allows NHS England to better understand NHS wheelchair services and improve the commissioning of those services and the outcomes for people who use wheelchairs.

The indicator for performance is that people referred for a wheelchair, or a modification, receive one within 18 weeks from referral (or re-referral to the service) in 92% of cases.

Data is submitted quarterly via the Strategic Data Collection Service (SDCS).

Further information on the collection is on the NHS England website:
<https://www.england.nhs.uk/wheelchair-services/>.

The collection is published as an official statistic commencing quarter 1 2019-20 (April – June 2019): <https://www.england.nhs.uk/statistics/statistical-work-areas/national-wheelchair/>.

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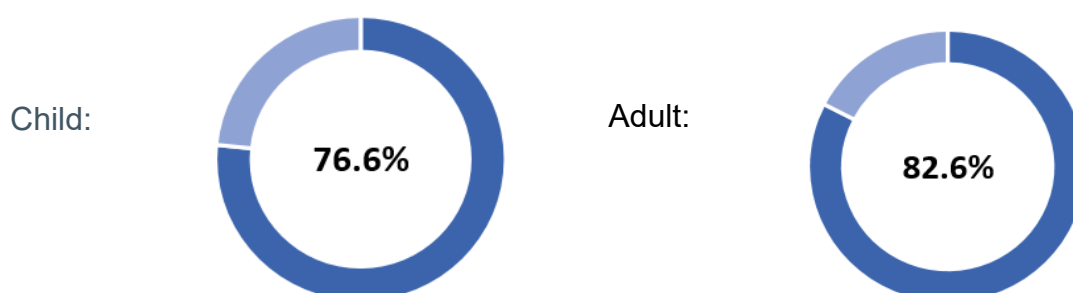
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Summary Statistics

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 76.6%
- Adult 82.6%



Percentages are calculated as numerator divided by denominator. The numerator is the count of individual patients whose episode of care was closed in the reporting period and prescribed equipment was delivered within 18 weeks or less. The denominator is the matching count of all patients prescribed equipment.

Data Quality Statement

The collection uses data collected quarterly via the Strategic Data Collection Service (SDCS). The full data set is available to download from the NHS England website: <https://www.england.nhs.uk/statistics/statistical-work-areas/national-wheelchair/>

Quality assurance is conducted as part of the processing of the data set to ensure the reasonableness of the data. Details are provided as part of the published data set. Data for this publication is collected from the beginning of the month after the period end. The collection closes on the 18th of that month. Any data submitted after that date may not be included in the published data.

Definitions

Adult	A patient is an adult from the date of their 18 th birthday onwards.
Child	A patient is a child up to their 18 th birthday.
Closed episode of care	Patient pathway is complete, i.e., equipment, accessories or modification received by the patient.
ICB	Integrated Care Board

