

Publication Summary



Acute Hospital Activity

and

NHS Beds Information;

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About this Release

This release comprises a quarterly summary of inpatient, day case and outpatient activity and beds statistics for NHSScotland up to September 2011. In addition to these quarterly tables, the release also includes annual emergency admissions and bed day figures for patients aged 65 and over and revised annual figures, up to March 2011, for the new HEAT target on emergency bed days for patients aged 75 and over for the majority of NHS Boards.

Where possible, any missing or incomplete data has been estimated using the last complete data submission for the relevant NHS Boards. Details of the affected data can be found within the [Full Publication Report](#) and are highlighted within the relevant tables. Therefore, data for the latest time periods should be treated as provisional.

Key Points

- There were around 354,000 acute inpatient and day case discharges in the quarter ending September 2011. This is a slight decrease of 0.5% when compared to the same quarter of the previous year but is comparable with the average number of acute inpatient and day case discharges over the last 10 quarters.
- The total number of outpatient attendances in the quarter ending September 2011 was around 1,159,000. This is an increase of around 0.9% on the quarter ending September 2010.
- The average number of available staffed beds in acute specialties was recorded as 16,353 in quarter ending September 2011 and was 16,624 in the quarter ending September 2010.

- There has been a decrease of 2.7% in the emergency bed day rate per 1,000 population for patients aged 75+ from 5,530 to 5,383 between 2008/09 and 2009/10. Scotland level data for 2010/11 is not yet available.

Background

Outpatient, inpatient and day case activity data and beds information are collected across NHSScotland and are based on nationally available information routinely drawn from hospital administrative systems across the country.

Due to the ongoing issues relating to the supply of complete and comprehensive hospital activity data from a number of NHS Boards, ISD Scotland are still unable to publish its detailed annual Acute Hospital Activity statistics for the year ending March 2011. This information was originally intended to be published in September 2011. ISD are working with NHS Boards to resolve these data submission issues. Most of the issues have resulted from the implementation of the new PMS TrakCare system. Further details of these issues can be found [here](#).

The data contained within this publication are predominantly based on ISD(S)1 aggregate data returns. ISD(S)1 contains summarised data by NHS Board of Treatment, hospital and specialty, i.e. high level reports with no patient details.

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Further Information

Further information can be found in the [Full Publication Report](#) or on the [Acute Hospital Activity](#) pages of the [ISD website](#).

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