

# 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 bed statistics for NHS Scotland up to December 2012. It also includes revised annual emergency admissions and bed day figures up to March 2012 for the HEAT target on emergency bed days for patients aged 75 and over.

### Key Points

- There were around 370,000 acute inpatient and day case discharges in the quarter ending December 2012. This is an increase of around 2.4% from the same quarter of the previous year.
- The total number of outpatient attendances in the quarter ending December 2012 was around 1,171,500. This is an increase of around 1.8% on the quarter ending December 2011.
- The number of available staffed beds in acute specialties was recorded as 16,085 in the quarter ending December 2012. This is a reduction of 1.6% from 16,340 beds in December 2011.
- The rate of emergency bed days per 1,000 patients aged 75 and over reduced by 7.2% from 5,393 in 2009/10 to 5,003 in 2011/12.

### 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.

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.

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. Data for the latest time periods should therefore be treated as provisional.

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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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