

# Publication Summary



## Acute Hospital Activity and NHS Beds Information

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### About this Release

This quarterly publication summarises information on different aspects of hospital care, sourced from hospital administrative systems across Scotland. It is designed to provide timely, high level hospital activity and beds statistics, and update information on current Scottish Government Performance Targets (HEAT targets).

In the June 2014 Acute Activity quarterly publication we launched a new section called 'In Focus' which is designed to examine some of the publication content in more detail. The focus this quarter is transfers to acute specialties.

### Key Points

- The number of new outpatient attendances has remained relatively steady over the past two years.
- Following an increase between September 2012 and September 2013, the number of return outpatient attendances decreased by approximately 34,000 (5%) between quarter ending September 2013 and quarter ending September 2014.
- The number of available staffed beds and occupied beds continues to display seasonal variation, increasing from September to March and decreasing from March to September.
- Since the Heat 75+ target<sup>1</sup> was introduced in 2009/10, the rate of emergency bed days per 1,000 patients aged 75 and over in Scotland has reduced by 12.9% from 5,420 in 2009/10 to 4,721 in 2013/14.

<sup>1</sup> The Heat 75+ target is to reduce the rate of emergency inpatient bed days for people aged 75 and over per 1,000 population by at least 12% between 2009/10 and 2014/15.

## Points to Note

This publication contains bed statistics submitted by NHS Grampian from their local system for the first time since December 2010. In the intervening period, due to ongoing system implementation problems, bed statistics for NHS Grampian were estimated based on extrapolation of previously submitted data. These previous estimates have been excluded from this publication while ISD continues to work with NHS Grampian to further understand the difference between the most recent and earlier submissions. Where possible, revised estimates for the period between December 2010 and September 2014 will be provided in future publications.

A revision has been made to this publication from its original release. Data for Inpatient and Daycase discharges (including Inpatient Transfers) previously published within this report and within [Table 1](#) have been revised. An analytical error meant that the data previously released was for quarter ending September 2011 to September 2013; however, this was presented as data for September 2012 to September 2014. This error has now been fixed and correct data for September 2012 to September 2014 is now within the report and [Table 1](#). The percentage difference between the revised data and the incorrect data published in December 2014 ranges from -18.9% and 5.4%. Further information can be found in the [Data Issues and Completeness Document](#).

## Background

Outpatient, inpatient and day case activity data are collected across NHSScotland and are based on nationally available information routinely drawn from hospital administrative systems across the country. The principal data sources used in this publication are the SMR00 (source for outpatients DNA information), SMR01 (source for acute specialties inpatient and day case hospital activity information) and ISD(S)1 (source for all specialties inpatient and day case hospital activity information ) returns.

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