

Quarterly Acute Hospital Activity and NHS Beds Information for Scotland

Quarter ending June 2016

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About this release

The Information Services Division has updated a range of statistics on different aspects of hospital care, sourced from hospital administration systems across Scotland. These include information on trends in outpatient, inpatient and day case activity, and bed statistics.

Main points

Outpatients

- There were 1,121,726 total outpatient attendances in the quarter ending June 2016, a slight increase on the previous year (1,117,264), with a 2% increase in the last five years.
- Of the total outpatient attendances, there were 368,709 new attendances and 753,017 follow-up attendances.
- One in ten patients did not attend their outpatient appointment, which is similar to the same quarter in 2015.

Inpatient and day case discharges

- There were 418,969 acute inpatient and day case episodes of care recorded in the quarter ending June 2016. This is an increase of 4.4% from 401,304 in quarter ending June 2015.
- This increase is part of a general increasing trend, with an increase of 18% in the last five years.

Bed statistics

- There were 15,643 available staffed beds for all acute specialties in June 2016. This is a decrease of 2.4% since the quarter ending June 2015.

Background

Outpatient attendances are categorised as new or follow-up (return) attendances. Less complex operations may also be undertaken in an outpatient setting.

Inpatients refers to people who are admitted and either remain in hospital overnight or are expected to remain overnight but are discharged earlier.

Day cases refer to episodes where a person makes a planned admission to an available staffed bed in a hospital for clinical care, and requires the use of a bed (or trolley in lieu of a bed). For the purposes of national data, a day case episode refers to a patient who is admitted as a day case and is discharged on the same day as planned.

Available staffed beds is the number of bed days available for inpatient or day case care over a period of time.

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Further information can also be found in the accompanying [Acute Activity Quarterly Report](#) published today.

NHS Performs

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