

# Acute Hospital Activity and NHS Beds Information in Scotland

Annual – Year Ending 31 March 2017

Quarterly – Quarter Ending 30 June 2017

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## About this release

This release from the Information Services Division provides an update on 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; numbers of medical diagnoses and operations; emergency admissions; and beds statistics. Information is presented for NHS Boards as well as for council areas.

### Revised

This publication has been revised since original release on Tuesday 7 November to remove quarterly outpatient trend information due to missing and incomplete data from some NHS Boards. Any reference to previous quarterly trends have therefore been removed.

The data for June 2017 is provisional. Provisional data is subject to change in future publications as submissions may be updated to reflect a more accurate and complete set of data submissions.

## Future Developments

This publication has incorporated both the annual and quarterly statistics together into one release. The quarterly Acute Activity and NHS Beds publication is currently being developed and modernised as part of the Transforming Publications Programme of work. The December 2017 quarterly publication will be the last to be provided in its current format and will be released alongside the new version in December 2017.

## Main Points - Quarterly

### Outpatients Revised

- 918,008 outpatient attendances occurred in the quarter ending June 2017. For the quarter ending June 2017; 34% were new appointments and 66% return appointments.
- The new to return ratio has remained fairly static at 1:1.9 for the quarter ending June 2017.
- For the quarter ending June 2017, 9.1% (28,682) of new outpatient appointments were not kept without prior notification, described as 'Did Not Attend' (DNA).

## Hospital Admissions

- 294,742 hospital admissions took place in the quarter ending June 2017; a 5% decrease on the quarter ending June 2016 (311,211) and a slight reduction (<1%) compared to the quarter ending June 2012.

## Beds

- The average number of available hospital beds in Scotland has been steadily decreasing over the years. 13,483 inpatient beds for acute specialties were available for the quarter ending June 2017; reductions of 2% and 4% when compared to June 2016 and June 2012 respectively.

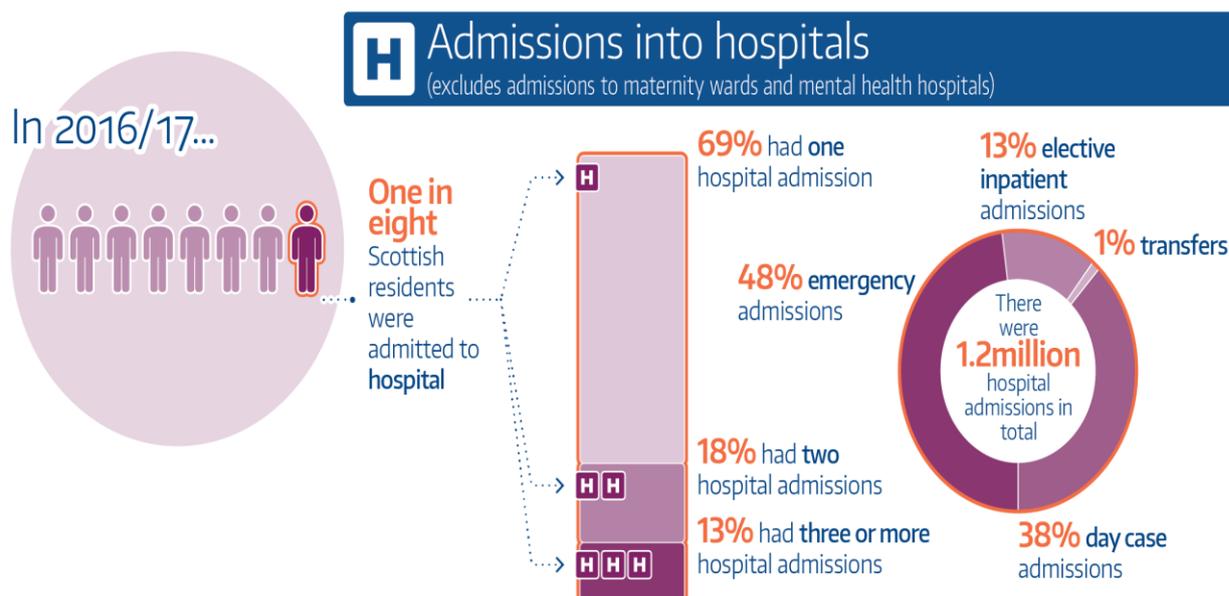
## Main Points - Annual

### Outpatients

- 1.1 million Scottish residents (around one in five of the population) visited an outpatient department in 2016/17.
- Overall there were 4.25 million total outpatient attendances; a slight decrease (1%) compared with last year, with a 6% reduction in the last five years (2011/12).
- 9.4% (138,230) of new outpatient appointments were not kept without prior notification, lower than 2015/16 and 2011/12 at 10.0% and 10.4% respectively. In 2016/17, people aged 25-44 were three times more likely not to keep their new outpatient appointment compared with those aged over 65 (15% vs. 5%).

## Hospital Admissions

### Number of People Admitted to Scottish Hospitals, 2016/17



- 705,000 Scottish residents (one in eight of the population) were admitted to hospital in 2016/17. Of these, 69% had a single admission to hospital with three out of ten people having more than one admission.
- There were a total of 1,222,916 admissions into hospital in 2016/17; a small reduction (<1%) compared to last year and 5% increase compared to five years ago.

- The general trend to provide more hospital-based treatment in an outpatient or day case setting continues. In 2016/17, 731,150 (73%) of procedures were carried out as an outpatient or day case (excluding imaging, injections, infusions, x-ray); a slight reduction on last year (1.5%) but an increase of 13% compared to 2012/13.

## Beds

- The average number of available hospital beds in Scotland has been steadily decreasing over the years. In 2016/17, the available beds for acute specialties was 13,644; a 2% decrease on last year and a 4% reduction when compared to 2011/12.

## Background

Inpatients refers to people who are admitted and either remain in hospital overnight or are expected to remain overnight but are discharged earlier. Outpatient attendances are categorised as new or follow-up (return) attendances. Less complex operations may also be undertaken in an outpatient setting.

Admission - when admitted to hospital, a patient is either treated on a same day basis, (day case), or as an inpatient when the patient will normally spend at least one night in hospital.

This summary presents data by both admission to and discharges from hospital.

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## Find out more

More information is available on the [Acute Hospital Activity](#) web pages.

Further information can also be found in the accompanying [Annual Acute Hospital Activity and NHS Beds Information Publication Report](#).

The next update of the Quarterly Acute Hospital Activity and NHS Beds Information in Scotland publication will be in December 2017. The next update of the Annual Acute Hospital Activity and NHS Beds Information in Scotland publication will be in October 2018.

## NHS Performs

A selection of information from this publication is included in [NHS Performs](#). NHS Performs is a website that brings together a range of information on how hospitals and NHS Boards within NHSScotland are performing.

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