

# Health Care Quality Indicators (HCQI) – 4 Nations – Experimental Statistics

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## About this release

In February 2016 the OECD published a report summarising its reviews of health care quality for each of the four nations of the UK. The report included several recommendations, one of which was ‘publishing more quality and outcomes data disaggregated by country and, in particular, reporting each of the OECDs health care quality indicators separately, for England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland’.

In response to this recommendation the four nations have done some initial work to produce an experimental statistics product. This is based on the Health Care Quality Indicators (HCQI) submitted by the UK to the OECD as part of the 2015 Health at a Glance data collection.

It is important to stress that this experimental statistics product does not provide a full and comprehensive assessment of the quality of individual healthcare systems across the UK, and should not be used to draw such conclusions. The primary purpose for producing this product at this time is to invite user feedback, and in particular to receive comments on how the product might be developed further.

The indicators included in this experimental statistics product typically contain data up to and including 2013. We have broadly focused on those indicators where data can be produced for England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland.

This work is a first step in developing a fuller set of indicators for England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland. Further work will take place following the 2017 Health at a Glance data collection which the OECD is currently undertaking.

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