

Publication Summary



Emergency Department Activity

(formerly Emergency Department Waiting Times)

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About this Release

This release details monthly summary information on the activity at Emergency Departments in Scotland; number and rate of attendance, attendance and admission rates by age band and gender and the performance against the 4 hour waiting time standard are presented.

Key points

- During the quarter ending 30 September 2011, the number of new and unplanned return patients attending Emergency Departments across Scotland was approximately; 140,700 in July, 139,900 in August and 137,600 in September.
- During the quarter ending 30 September 2011, the proportion of new and unplanned return patients attending Emergency Departments across Scotland that were seen within 4 hours was; 97.2 % in July, 97.0% in August and 96.0 % in September.
- During the quarter ending 30 September 2011, the rate of new and unplanned return attendances (per 100,000 population) at Emergency Departments across Scotland was; 2,695 in July, 2,679 in August and 2,634 in September.
- The 0-4 age band shows the highest attendance and admission rates for younger ages, while for the remaining younger ages the attendance rate peaks at 20-24 for males and 15-19 for females.
- From the age of 75 onwards both males and females have at least a 1 in 2 chance of being admitted to a hospital bed following an Emergency Department attendance.

Background

Emergency Department data has been submitted to ISD since July 2007. This was primarily established to support the 4-hour waiting time standard. Since that time the information has been used to support a variety of other purposes both by NHS Boards and Scottish Government. Information on compliance with the 4-hour wait has been published since 2007 and we are now expanding the information which will be available in the public domain.

This release includes several new charts and tables which present additional information about attendances across Scotland. The information is provided at both Scotland and NHS Board level.

Emergency Department information is split into two categories; 1) larger sites which are 24-hour Emergency Medicine Consultant led departments and 2) smaller sites including Minor Injury Units (MIUs), community A&Es and in some cases health centres. A list of how departments are classified for this publication can be found on the [Emergency Department Activity - Data Collection](#) webpage.

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