

Publication Summary



Acute Hospital Activity

and

NHS Beds Information;

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Quarter ending December 2011

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About this Release

This release contains information on annual and quarterly acute hospital activity within NHS Scotland. Due to issues relating to the supply of complete and comprehensive hospital activity data from a number of NHS Boards, ISD Scotland were unable to publish its detailed annual Acute Hospital Activity statistics for the year ending March 2011 as scheduled in September 2011. Completeness is now at a suitable level and so this release includes detailed annual information on inpatient, day case and outpatient activity, hospital diagnoses, surgical procedures and operations, emergency hospital admissions and childhood hospital admissions for the year ending March 2011. Summary activity and bed statistics up to quarter ending December 2011 are also included.

Key Points

- The total number of acute hospital discharge episodes in the year ending March 2011 was 1,424,000, an increase of 1.4% on the previous year. The number of routine and non-routine acute inpatient discharge episodes increased by 2.8% and 0.5% respectively between 2009/10 and 2010/11. The number of day case episodes was 445,000 in 2010/11, an increase of 1.0% from 440,000 in 2009/10.
- 4,558,000 outpatients were seen at consultant clinics in the year ending March 2011, a slight decrease of 0.4% when compared to year ending March 2010. In 2010/11, 1,474,000 were new outpatient attendances, a small increase of 0.4% from 1,469,000 in 2009/10. There has been an increase of 10.3% in new outpatient attendances over the last 10 years.
- Neoplasms (including cancer) were the most common main diagnosis for patients discharged from hospital in the year ending March 2011, accounting for 13.8% of all primary diagnoses. This figure has remained at approximately 14% for the last three financial years.

- A total of 971,000 main procedures were recorded on inpatient, day case and outpatient records in NHS Scotland in the year ending March 2011, an increase of 4.9% from 925,000 in 2009/10.
- 80.4% of all elective British Association of Day Surgery (BADs) procedures were carried out as day cases or outpatients in the month of March 2011. The associated target was to achieve 80%. Information on further Health Improvement, Efficiency, Access and Treatment (HEAT) targets is contained with the [Full Publication Report](#).
- The average number of available staffed beds in acute specialties was recorded as 16,701 in the year ending March 2011 and was 17,092 in the year ending March 2010.
- The number of acute inpatient discharge episodes for the quarter ending December 2011 shows a decrease of 1.5% on the quarter ending December 2010 while the number of acute day case episodes shows an increase of 4.6% over the same periods.
- The total number of outpatient attendances in the quarter ending December 2011 (1,160,000) increased by around 5.9% on the quarter ending December 2010.

Background

Outpatient, inpatient and day case activity data and beds information are collected across NHSScotland and are based on nationally available information routinely drawn from hospital administrative systems across the country. Where possible, any missing or incomplete data has been estimated using the last complete data submission for the relevant NHS Boards. Details of the affected data can be found within the [Full Publication Report](#) and are highlighted within the relevant tables. Data for the latest time periods should therefore be treated as provisional.

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Further Information

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