

Publication Summary



Acute Hospital Activity and NHS Beds Information



Quarter ending March 2014

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About this Release

This release comprises a quarterly summary of inpatient, day case and outpatient activity and bed statistics for NHS Scotland up to March 2014. It also includes revised annual emergency admissions and bed day figures up to March 2013 for the HEAT target on emergency bed days for patients aged 75 and over.

Key Points

- There were 379,067 acute inpatient and day case discharges in the quarter ending March 2014. This is an increase of 2.0% from the same quarter of the previous year.
- The total number of outpatient attendances in the quarter ending March 2014 was 1,151,105. This is an increase of 0.5% on the quarter ending March 2014.
- The number of available staffed beds in acute specialties was recorded as 16,484 in the quarter ending March 2014. This is a decrease of 0.1% almost unchanged from 16,505 beds in March 2013.
- The HEAT 75 Target started in 2009/10 and since then the rate of emergency bed days per 1,000 patients aged 75 and over has reduced by 8.7% from 5,418 in 2009/10 to 4,945 in 2012/13.
- Mean stay per Inpatient episode has reduced 9% over the past nine quarters

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.

The data contained within this publication are predominantly based on ISD(S)1 aggregate data returns. ISD(S)1 contains summarised data by NHS Board of Treatment, hospital and specialty, i.e. high level reports with no patient details.

This quarterly publication also includes a new section called 'In Focus'. 'In Focus' will examine a different indicator in detail every quarter. This quarter we will be looking at the Mean Stay per Episode indicator.

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.

User Survey

To help build a better understanding of what customers need from our publications, ISD are conducting a user survey alongside the release of the Acute Hospital Activity and NHS Beds Information publication on the 24th of June 2014. The survey can be accessed using this [link](#) and will be open from the 24th of June until the 25th of July. We are interested to hear whether or not you find the publication useful and if you have any feedback with regards to how we can enhance the publication to better meet your requirements.

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Further Information

Further information can be found in the [Full Publication Report](#) or on the [Acute Hospital Activity](#) pages of the [ISD website](#).

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