

# Publication Summary



## Acute Hospital Activity and NHS Beds Information

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### About this Release

This quarterly publication summarises information on different aspects of hospital care, sourced from hospital administrative systems across Scotland. It is designed to provide timely, high level hospital activity and beds statistics, and update information on current Scottish Government Performance Targets (HEAT targets).

### Key Points

- There has been a decrease in the rate of Did Not Attends (DNAs) for new outpatient appointments over the last five years (9.8 per 100 appointments in quarter ending March 2015 compared with 10.4 per 100 appointments in quarter ending March 2010).
- The number of inpatient and day case discharges to acute specialties has increased by around 44,000 (12.5%) since quarter ending March 2010 to around 393,000 in quarter ending March 2015.
- The number of occupied beds has remained relatively stable and continues to show a seasonal trend.
- Since the Heat 75+ target<sup>1</sup> was introduced in 2009/10, the rate of emergency bed days per 1,000 patients aged 75 and over in Scotland has reduced by a provisional 11.0% from 5,421 in 2009/10 to 4,826 in 2013/14.

### Background

Outpatient, inpatient and day case activity data are collected across NHSScotland and are based on nationally available information routinely drawn from hospital administrative

<sup>1</sup> The Heat 75+ target is to reduce the rate of emergency inpatient bed days for people aged 75 and over per 1,000 population by at least 12% between 2009/10 and 2014/15.

systems across the country. The principal data sources used in this publication are the SMR00 (source for some outpatients information), SMR01 (source for acute specialties inpatient and day case hospital activity information) and ISD(S)1 (source for all specialties inpatient and day case hospital activity information and some outpatient activity information) returns.

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