

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 for acute specialties, sourced from hospital administrative systems across Scotland. It is designed to provide timely, high level hospital activity and beds statistics, and update information on Scottish Government Performance Targets (HEAT targets). The figures for the quarter ending June 2015 are provisional estimates.

Key Points

- There were over 360,000 new outpatient attendances in April - June 2015. Around 1 in 10 patients (9.9%) did not attend for their outpatient appointment which is similar to both the previous quarter and the same period in 2014.
- There were around 393,500 patients treated in hospital as either an inpatient or as a day case patient and this is broadly similar to the numbers treated in the same period the previous year.
- The number of beds has remained stable.
- Since the Heat 75+ target¹ was introduced in 2009/10, the rate of emergency bed days per 1,000 patients aged 75 and over in Scotland has reduced by 11.4% from 5,422 in 2009/10 to 4,805 in 2014/15.

Background

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

¹ 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.

A few NHS Boards had issues with submitting their data to ISD, as a result the Beds table shows Scotland figures excluding NHS Grampian and NHS Highland for a number of quarters.

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