

Annual Acute Hospital Activity and NHS Beds Information in Scotland



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About this release

The Information Services Division has updated a range of statistics on different aspects of hospital care, sourced from hospital administration systems across Scotland. These include information on trends in outpatient, inpatient and day case activity; numbers of medical diagnoses and operations; emergency and childhood admissions; and bed statistics. Information is presented for NHS board as well as for Health and Social Care Partnerships.

Main points

- 1.12 million Scottish residents (one in five of the population) visited an outpatient department in 2015/16.
- The majority of people (76%) received outpatient care for one referral only; one in four people were treated at outpatient clinics following two or more referrals within the year. One in ten patients failed to keep their new outpatient appointment without prior notification. Patients aged 25-44 were three times more likely not to keep their new outpatient appointment compared with those aged over 65 (15% vs 5%).
- 712,000 Scottish residents (one in seven of the population) were admitted to hospital in 2015/16. Of these, 70% had a single admission to hospital with three out ten people having more than one admission.
- The trend to provide more hospital based treatment in an outpatient or day case setting continues. In 2015/16, around 735,000 (73%) procedures were carried as an outpatient or day case.

Background

Inpatients refers to people who are admitted and either remain in hospital overnight or are expected to remain overnight but are discharged earlier.

Outpatient attendances are categorised as new or follow-up (return) attendances. Less complex operations may also be undertaken in an outpatient setting.

Admission -When admitted to hospital, a patient is either treated on a same day basis, (day case), or as an inpatient when the patient will normally spend at least one night in hospital.

This summary presents data by both admission to and discharges from hospital.

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Further information can also be found in the accompanying [Annual Acute Hospital Activity and NHS Beds Information Publication Report](#).

The next update of this publication will be in October 2017.

NHS Performs

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