Quarterly Acute Hospital Activity and NHS Beds Information for Scotland
Quarter ending 30 September 2017
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About this release
This release from Information Services Division (ISD) provides an update on 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; and beds statistics. Data presented for September 2017 are provisional and subject to change in future publications as submissions may be updated to reflect a more accurate and complete set of data from NHS Boards. There are issues with the quality of the data presented. Known issues are summarised in the Data Issues and Completeness document.

Main Points
Outpatients
- There were 1,036,687 total outpatient attendances in the quarter ending September 2017.
- Of the total outpatient attendances, there were 340,314 (33%) new attendances and 696,373 (67%) follow-up attendances. 9.5% of new outpatient appointments were not kept without prior notification (Did Not Attend).

Hospital Admissions

Inpatient / day case activity (hospital stays) by admission type, for acute specialties, in NHSScotland, for quarters ending September 2012 to September 2017

P = Provisional
In total, there were 263,451 hospital admissions in the quarter ending September 2017. This is a decrease of 2.1% from 269,221 in quarter ending September 2016.

**Beds**

There were on average 13,247 available staffed beds for all acute specialties in September 2017. This is a decrease of 2.2% since the quarter ending September 2016.

**Background**

Full definitions of outpatients, admissions (elective, planned, transfers) and available staffed beds are available in the [Publication Report](#). Further details are also available on the [ISD Data Dictionary](#).

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**Find out more**

For the December 2017 release, a new version of the publication is provided alongside the current format and is accessible [here](#). From March 2018 onwards, the new version will be the sole release of the Acute Hospital Activity and NHS Beds data.

More information is available on the [Acute Hospital Activity](#) web pages.

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

The next release of Quarterly Acute Hospital Activity and NHS Beds Information in Scotland will be in March 2018.

**NHS Performs**

A selection of information from this publication is included in [NHS Performs](#). NHS Performs is a website that brings together a range of information on how hospitals and NHS Boards within NHSScotland are performing.