Quarterly Acute Hospital Activity and NHS Beds Information for Scotland
Quarter ending 30 September 2018

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About this release
This release by 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 activity; inpatient and day case activity; and beds statistics. Data presented for 1 July to 30 September 2018 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.

Main Points
Data Quality - There are known issues with the quality of data presented such as the inpatient and daycase completeness and the new outpatient appointments not attended without prior warning (‘Did Not Attends’). For full details please see the Data Quality Section.

Outpatients
Outpatient attendances in NHSScotland, for quarters ending September 2013 to September 2018

There were just over 1 million (1,031,314) outpatient attendances between 1 July and 30 September 2018. Of these, 34% (347,785 attendances) were new cases. The remaining 66% (683,529 attendances) were patients returning for follow up appointments.
Inpatients and Daycases

There were 244,738 hospital admissions between 1 July and 30 September 2018. Of these, 48% (116,627) were emergency admissions; 12% (29,600) elective admissions; 40% (97,229) daycases and <1% (1,282) transfers.

Beds

There were on average 12,892 available staffed beds for all acute specialties in the quarter ending 30 September 2018. An available staffed bed is one that is available for inpatient or daycase care. For all acute specialties in quarter ending 30 September 2018, the percentage occupancy was 86%.

Background

Full definitions of outpatients, hospital admissions and available staffed beds are available in the Glossary Section. Further details are also available on the ISD Data Dictionary.

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Further Information

Disclosure control methods have been applied to the data in order to protect patient confidentiality, therefore some figures on total counts may not be additive.

Further information on this publication is available on the Quarterly Acute Hospital Activity and NHS Beds data web pages including outpatient and beds information available for all specialties.

The next release of Quarterly Acute Hospital Activity and NHS Beds Information in Scotland will be in May 2019.

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.

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