Quarterly Acute Hospital Activity and NHS Beds Information for Scotland
Quarter ending 30 June 2019

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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 April to 30 June 2019 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
Outpatients

Outpatient attendances in NHSScotland, for quarters ending
June 2014 to June 2019

There were over one million (1,057,682) outpatient attendances between 1 April to 30 June 2019. Of these, 33% (350,444 attendances) were new cases. The remaining 67% (707,238 attendances) were patients returning for follow up appointments.
Inpatients and Daycases
There were 256,789 hospital admissions between 1 April to 30 June 2019. Of these, 47% (119,954) were emergency admissions; 12% (30,356) elective admissions; and 40% (105,445) daycases.

Beds
There were on average 13,065 available staffed beds for all acute specialties in the quarter ending 30 June 2019. An available staffed bed is one that is available for inpatient or daycase care. For all acute specialties in the quarter ending 30 June 2019, the percentage occupancy was 88%.

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 more information please see the Data Quality and Data Trends sections.

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. Data from this publication is available to download from our Data files and Data explorer sections of our website and the NHSScotland Open Data platform.

The next release of Quarterly Acute Hospital Activity and NHS Beds Information in Scotland will be in February 2020.

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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