# Fast facts

## Hospital Care

The HSCIC holds and publishes information about multiple aspects of hospital care.

**Hospital Episode Statistics (HES)** data is managed and published by the HSCIC and covers Accident and Emergency (A&E), admitted patient care (inpatients), outpatients and maternity.

**Estates Return Information Collection (ERIC)** is currently collected by HSCIC and published by the Department of Health. It has a wide variety of information on hospital estates and facilities, including: hospital food, land and site areas, energy consumption and costs, waste volume and costs, maintenance costs and car parking.

**Patient-Led Assessments of the Care Environment (PLACE)** provides information on non-clinical services such as cleanliness, food, hydration, and the extent to which the provision of hospital care with privacy and dignity is supported.

## Key facts for England

Latest available figures from HSCIC data and reports show that in 2012-13:

### A&E

- There were **18.3 million accident and emergency attendances** recorded at major A&E departments, single specialty A&E departments, walk-in centres and minor injury units in England; **an increase of 4.0 per cent from 2011-12**.

- **59.0 per cent (10.8 million) of all A&E attendances were discharged** (‘GP follow-up required’ or ‘no follow-up required’) and **20.8 per cent (3.8 million) of all attendances were admitted to hospital**.

- **42.8 per cent (7.9 million) of all A&E attendances were for patients aged 29 or under**, 16.3 per cent (3.0 million) were for patients aged 20-29. Just under half of all A&E attendances (49.4 per cent) were male.

### In-patient care

- There were **15.1 million admissions** recorded, an increase of 0.8 per cent from 2011-12.

- **Emergency admissions increased by 1.8 per cent**, from 5.2 million in 2011-12, to 5.3 million.
Outpatient care:

- There were 94.1 million outpatient appointments, of which 75.5 million (80.2 per cent) were attended.
- 6.9 million outpatient appointments (7.3 per cent) were not attended.

Maternity:

- The number of maternity deliveries taking place in NHS hospitals increased by 0.3 per cent from 2011-12 to 671,255.
- 404,094 (61.7 per cent) of maternity deliveries in NHS hospitals were spontaneous deliveries. The percentage of caesarean deliveries remained stable at 25.5 per cent (167,283), with a 0.5 percentage point increase from 2011-12.

Estates and facilities:

- The average cost of feeding one in-patient per day was £9.87.
- The average cost of car parking per hour for patients and visitors was £1.15.

More Information
Access HSCIC information on:

- Hospital Episode Statistics:
  - Hospital Outpatient Activity - 2012-13:
  - http://www.hscic.gov.uk/catalogue/PUB13005
- Hospital Estates and Facilities (ERIC): http://www.hefs.ic.nhs.uk/ERIC.asp
- Hospital Estates and Facilities (PLACE): http://www.hefs.ic.nhs.uk/PLACE.asp

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1. HES is not the official source of total A&E activity, this is the NHS England situation reports collection - http://www.england.nhs.uk/statistics/statistical-work-areas/ae-waiting-times-and-activity/ However, HES permits further analysis of A&E activity as there are a range of data items by which HES can be analysed.

2. A finished admission episode is the first period of in-patient care under one consultant within one healthcare provider. Please note that admissions do not represent the number of in-patients, as a person may have more than one admission within the year.