

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&E¹:

- 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 admissions²** 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:**
 - **Accident and Emergency Attendances in England - 2012-13:**
<http://www.hscic.gov.uk/catalogue/PUB13464>
 - **Admitted Patient Care, England - 2012-13:**
<http://www.hscic.gov.uk/catalogue/PUB12566>
 - **Hospital Outpatient Activity - 2012-13:**
<http://www.hscic.gov.uk/catalogue/PUB13005>
 - **NHS Maternity Statistics - England, 2012-13:**
<http://www.hscic.gov.uk/catalogue/PUB12744>
- **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.