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Hospital Estates and Facilities Statistics 2013-14

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Main Findings

These statistics cover a broad spectrum of estates and facilities aspects such as the size of the estate, the estates running costs, levels of capital investment, quality of its buildings, the cost of hospital food and car parking charges.

The number of NHS organisations reporting these statistics has reduced from 284 in 2012-13 to 251 in 2013-14. This is mainly due to the restructuring of the NHS following the Health and Social Care Act 2012 and the abolition of Primary Care Trusts in April 2013.

The main findings for the year 2013-14 are:

- The total **size of the NHS estate** continues to reduce. This continues the trend of recent years of a reducing estate, the effect of restructuring the NHS and estates rationalisations. The total **floor area** of its buildings has decreased by 4.4 per cent, a reduction from 27.3 million m² in 2012-13 to 26.1 million m² in 2013-14. The total **land area**, which includes all the buildings, grounds and gardens, has reduced at a similar rate of 4.8 per cent, from 6,707 hectares in 2012-13 to 6,387 hectares in 2013-14.
- The total annual **estates running costs** have reduced by around 1 per cent from £7.4 billion in 2012-13 to £7.3 billion in 2013-14. These costs comprise of two main elements, the Estates Services element known as the hard facilities management costs at £4.4 billion, and the Hotel Services costs known as the soft facilities management costs at £2.9 billion. These figures do not include the costs of financing the estate e.g. depreciation and cost of capital. Overall, the direct costs of running the NHS estate are therefore £7.3 billion, which makes it the third largest cost for the NHS after staff costs and drugs.
- For the first time in these statistics, data on **building and land sales** by NHS organisations is now available. In 2013-14, a total of £180 million of capital income was received from sales of buildings and land, and income of £ 223M is forecast for 2014-15. This income will be re-invested in healthcare services.
- Reported levels of **capital investment** across the NHS have increased by 4.5 per cent since 2012-13. This relates to the amount of capital invested for the upgrading, refurbishment, renewal and modernisation of buildings in the NHS estate. The total of £2,128 million reported for 2013-14 is an increase of £91 million from the £2,037 million reported in 2012-13.

- The total overall cost to eradicate **backlog maintenance** across the NHS estate has shown a small increase of 0.1 per cent during the year. However, the elements associated with the high and significant risk level, known as **Critical Infrastructure Risk**, have increased at a higher rate, by 1.3 per cent or £18.2 million since 2012-13. Levels of backlog maintenance and Critical Infrastructure Risk differ significantly between NHS organisations.

Risk level	Cost to eradicate £ million		Percentage change
	2012-13	2013-14	
High risk level	353.1	356.6	+1.0
Significant risk level	1,002.0	1,016.7	+1.5
Critical Infrastructure Risk (High + Significant Risk)	1,355.1	1,373.3	+1.3
Moderate risk	1,476.5	1,426.6	-3.4
Low risk	1,204.3	1,241.8	+3.1
Total	4,035.9	4,041.7	+0.1

- On **hospital food**, the average cost of feeding one in-patient per day has increased by £0.61, from £9.87 in 2012-13 to £10.48 in 2013-14. This represents a 6 per cent increase. The cost is the average daily cost for the provision of all meals and beverages fed to one in-patient per day, including staff costs. Figures reported by the NHS continue to show a wide variation of hospital food costs across hospital sites.
- Also on **hospital food**, the total number of in-patient main meals requested by in-patients during 2013-14 was 143.8 million, a 1 per cent increase from 142.3 million in 2012-13. An in-patient main meal is defined as either a breakfast, midday or an evening meal that has been ordered by an in-patient.
- At hospital sites where **car parking charges** are made and data was supplied, the average fee per hour for visitor and patient car parking in 2013-14 was £1.19. This relates to 389 hospitals sites that made charges and supplied data. This represents an average increase of 4p from 2012-13 when the average charge was £1.15.