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A data linkage approach to assessing the contribution of hospital-associated SARS-CoV-2 infection to care home outbreaks in England

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Contribution of hospital-associated SARS-CoV-2 infection to care home outbreaks in England: addendum

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Purpose

This addendum to the PHE report on 'Contribution of hospital-associated SARS-CoV-2 infection to care home outbreaks in England' includes data requested by, and provided to, the chair of the Public Accounts Committee (PAC), following the publication of the original report¹ on the gov.uk website on 27 May 2021. This addendum provides a further breakdown of the data in Table 1 and Figure 1 in the original report according to the two time periods: COVID-19 cases diagnosed from specimens taken between 30 January to 14 April 2020 and 15 April to 12 October 2020 (as requested by PAC).

The data in this addendum should be interpreted in the context of the original report.

¹ Public Health England. 2021. 'A data linkage approach to assessing the contribution of hospital-associated SARS-CoV-2 infection to care home outbreaks in England, 30 January to 12 October 2020'

Data

Table 1. Laboratory confirmed COVID-19 cases resident in care homes

a) 30 January to 14 April 2020¹

No. cases (%) [†]	No. deaths (%) ^{††}	No. cases part of an outbreak (%)		No. care homes with outbreaks ^
8,812 (10.3%)	5,299 (23.9%)	7,205 (81.8%)	2,147	2,129

b) 15 April to 12 October 2020²

No. cases (%) [†]	No. deaths (%) ^{††}	No. cases part of an outbreak (%)	Total no. outbreaks	No. care homes with outbreaks ^
34,586 (8.1%)	8,492 (45.9%)	28,535 (82.5%)	3,735	3,058

[†] Percentage refers to the proportion of all COVID-19 cases identified as care home residents

⁺⁺Based on 60-day or cause of death definition. Percentage refers to the proportion of all COVID-19 deaths within this category, who are identified as care home residents

^Care homes experiencing outbreaks in both time periods will be included in each period

¹ For the period 30 January to 14 April 2020, data includes 8,812 (20.3%) care home resident cases and 13,791 deaths

² For the period 15 April to 12 October 2020, data includes 34,586 (79.7%) care home resident cases were identified and 8,492 deaths

In response to communications from PAC, the following information was also provided: For the time period prior to 15 April 2020, 39 (1.8%) care home outbreaks of a total of 2,147 outbreaks were identified as potentially seeded by hospital-acquired (HA) infection. From 15 April to 12 October 2020, 58 (1.6%) outbreaks of a total of 3,735 care home outbreaks (1.6%) were potentially seeded by hospital-acquired (HA) infection.

Figure 1a. Data flow identifying care home COVID-19 outbreaks potentially seeded from hospital associated cases, 30 January to 14 April 2020



Figure 1b. Data flow identifying care home COVID-19 outbreaks potentially seeded from hospital associated cases, 15 April to 12 October 2020



All the data in this addendum should be interpreted in the context of the main report.

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