

Health and social care

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A devolved matter, health statistics are available per constituent country of the UK. Information is available on waiting times, hospital admissions, beds availability, screening programmes, adult and child social care and health and social care funding.

From the Library

General

- [*NHS Indicators, July 2016*](#)
- [*NHS Winter Pressures 2015/16*](#)
- [*NHS Wales Statistics*](#)

Waiting lists

- [*Waiting times for hospital treatment*](#)
- [*Waiting times: social indicators page*](#)

Accident & Emergency

- [*Accident and emergency care in the UK*](#)

Workforce

- [*NHS workforce statistics*](#)

Abortion

- [*Statistics on abortion*](#)

Mental Health

- [*Talking therapies for mental health problems*](#)

Also see:

- [*Sources of Constituency Statistics \(an introduction to constituency profiles & data\)*](#)
- [*Sources of Statistics \(the complete series\)*](#)

Waiting lists

Waiting list data is available for CCGs, Area Teams and nationally for England, Scotland and Wales; data is gathered by Health and Social Care Trusts in Northern Ireland. Waiting lists data is available for multiple events including A&E visits, cancer and cardiac surgeries.

- [NHS England consultant-led referral to treatment waiting times](#)
(NHS England; by CCG, Area Team and NHS England; monthly and annual reports; from 2011)
- [ISD Scotland waiting times](#)
(Information Services Division Scotland; Scotland; monthly & annual reports)
- [StatsWales NHS hospital waiting times](#)
(StatsWales; Wales)
- [Northern Ireland waiting times statistics](#)
(Department of Health, Social Services & Public Safety; Northern Ireland; monthly updates; from 1999)

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Hospital activity

Hospital admissions

Hospital episode statistics are available for each constituent country of the UK at CCG (or equivalent), Area Team and national level. Inpatients - those people admitted to an available staffed hospital bed to remain overnight, including those discharged early - and day cases - where a person makes a planned admission to an available staffed bed for clinical care and is discharged on the same day as planned – are the primary focus of episode statistics.

- [HSCIC England hospital episode statistics, admitted patient care](#)
(Health & Social Care Information Centre; by CCG, Area Team, England; annual releases; from 1998)
- [HSCIC England provisional monthly hospital episode statistics, admitted patient care](#)
(Health & Social Care Information Centre; by CCG, Area Team, England; monthly provisional release)
- [Hospital admissions data, Wales](#)
(The Welsh Government; by CCG, Area Team, Wales; annual reports; from 1999)
- [ISD Scotland inpatient and day case activity](#)
(Information Services Division Scotland; by CCG, Area Team, Scotland)
- [Inpatient & day case activity, Northern Ireland](#)
(Department of Health, Social Services & Public Safety; by Trusts, Northern Ireland; from 2010)

Beds availability and occupancy

Beds availability and occupancy data are available from the Hospital Episode Statistics published per constituent country of the UK.

- [NHS England bed availability & occupancy](#)
(NHS England; by CCG, Area Team, England; by quarter; from 2000)
- [NHS beds, Wales](#)
(The Welsh Government/StatsWales; by CCG, Area Team, Wales; annual reports; from 2005)
- [ISD Scotland hospital care](#)
(Information Services Division Scotland; by CCG, Area Team, Scotland; by quarter & year ending March; from 2010)
- [ISD Scotland available beds](#) (historic)
(Information Services Division Scotland; by CCG, area team, Scotland; by quarter & year ending March; 2001-2010)
- [Inpatient & day case activity – beds, Northern Ireland](#)
(Department of Health, Social Services & Public Safety; by Trusts, Northern Ireland; from 2010/11)

Ambulances: calls, response times & patient journeys

Data on ambulance calls, response times and patient journeys are available for each constituent country of the UK.

- [NHS England ambulance quality indicators](#)
(NHS England; by Ambulance Trusts in England; annual release; from 2011)
- [Ambulance services, Wales](#)
(StatsWales; by area, Wales; monthly update)
- [HEAT standard ambulance response performance](#)
(The Scottish Government; Scotland; annual report; 2013/14)
- [Northern Ireland Ambulance Service Health & Social Care Trust annual reports](#)

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(Health & Social Care trust; Northern Ireland; annual reports; from 1999)

Health screening: screening programmes, breast cancer & cervical cancer

A national population-based breast screening programme operates in the UK, offering screening to all women aged 50-70 (50-64 until 2003/04) once every three years. Cervical screenings are similarly available once every three years to all women aged 25-64 in England and Wales and all women aged 20-60 in Scotland. Data is available per constituent country of the UK.

England

- [NHS England breast screening programme releases](#)
(Health & Social Care Information Centre; England; annual releases; from 2006)
- [NHS England cervical screening programme](#)
(Health & Social Care Information Centre; England; annual releases; from 2004)

Wales

- [Breast Test Wales releases](#)
(NHS Wales, Breast Test Wales; Wales; annual releases; from 2011/12)
- [Cervical Screening Wales statistical reports](#)
(NHS Wales, Cervical Screening; Wales; from 2001)

Scotland

- [Scottish Breast Screening Programme](#)
(Information Services Division Scotland; Scotland)
- [Scottish Cervical Screening Programme](#)
(Information Services Division Scotland; Scotland)

Social care

Social care statistics – including information on adult and children’s care services, staffing and user experience – are available per constituent country of the UK.

- [Social care activity, expenditure & workforce in England](#)
(Health & Social Care Information Centre; England)
- [Social services data releases, Wales](#)
(StatsWales; Wales)
- [Health and social care information, Scotland](#)
(The Scottish Government; Scotland)
- [Social Care statistics, Northern Ireland](#)
(Department of Health, Social Services & Public Safety; Northern Ireland)

Health expenditure

Trends in UK wide health expenditure are tracked by the Public Expenditure Statistical Analyses published by HM Treasury. Reference costs – the average unit cost to the NHS of providing healthcare to patients – are available for England, Wales and Scotland.

- [Public Expenditure Statistical Analyses 2015](#)
(HM Treasury; annual releases)
- [NHS England reference costs](#)
(Department of Health; England; annual release; from 2009)
- [NHS Wales budget programme statistics](#)
(StatsWales; Wales)

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- [ISD Scotland cost books & annual accounts](#)
(Information Services Division Scotland; Scotland; for each of 16 boards; from 2000)

