

## Beds and activity in England

- During 2016/17 there were on average 131,060 beds available in wards open 24 hours a day in NHS hospitals in England. That is just over half the beds available in 1990/91 and 11,259 fewer than in 2010/11.
- The decline since 2010/11 has been particularly pronounced in learning disability specialities (-39.7%).
- A finished consultant episode is a spell of hospital inpatient treatment under the care of one consultant. It is a measure of hospital activity. There were 19.7 million finished consultant episodes (FCEs) in 2016/17, 2.5% more than in 2015/16.

## BED AVAILABILITY IN ENGLAND: 2011/12 TO 2016/17

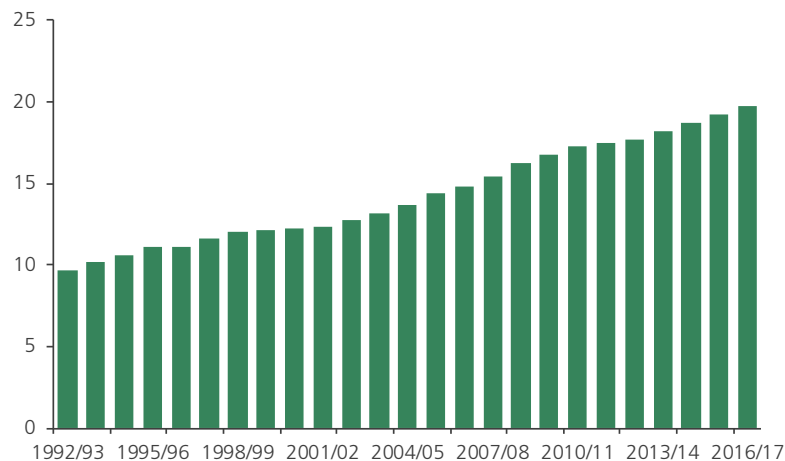
Average daily available beds in wards open 24 hours

	2011/12	2012/13	2013/14	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17
General & Acute	107,449	106,374	105,666	106,250	103,422	103,666
Mental Illness	23,121	22,268	21,731	21,374	19,086	18,422
Learning disability	1,937	1,697	1,671	1,455	1,306	1,190
Maternity	7,948	7,839	7,827	7,868	7,746	7,782
Total	140,454	138,178	136,895	136,947	131,561	131,060

Source: NHS England, Bed Availability and Occupancy

## FINISHED CONSULTANT EPISODES: ENGLAND

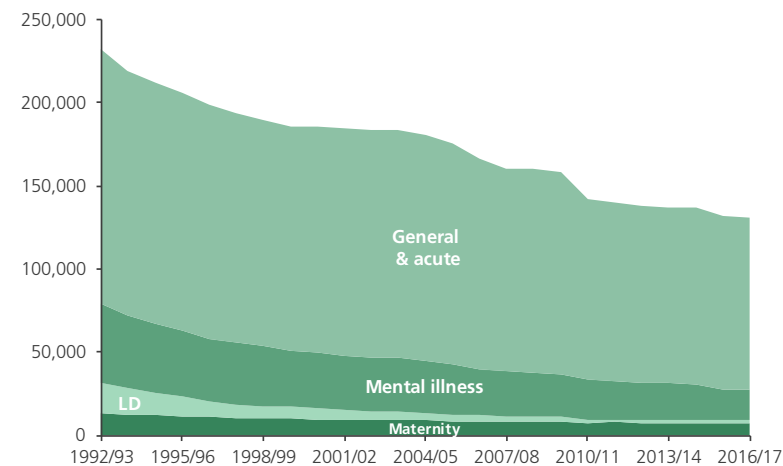
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Source: NHS England, Hospital Admitted Patient Care Activity

## BED AVAILABILITY IN ENGLAND: 1992/93-2016/17

General & acute, mental illness, learning disability, maternity



Source: NHS England, Bed Availability and Occupancy