



## HEADLINE FIGURES

APC STATISTICS - DATA FOR THE PERIOD 1ST APRIL 2023 TO 31ST MARCH 2024

NHS HOSPITAL ADMITTED PATIENTS - HYWEL DDA UNIVERSITY  
HEALTH BOARD RESIDENTS.

### SUMMARY

The annual Admitted Patient Care data tables present analyses of the Admitted Patient Care Database (formerly PEDW) which is collated, validated, and stored by Digital Health and Care Wales (DHCW) on behalf of the Welsh Government and the NHS in Wales. It is a rich source of information about patients admitted to hospitals in Wales. Data is based on 'Finished Consultant Episodes' (FCEs). Episodes describe the time a patient spends in the continuous care of one consultant within a provider spell. A provider spell is the continuous period of time that a patient spends in the care of one NHS health care provider (Local Health Board). The care starts with an admission episode and ends in discharge, transfer to another NHS provider or death. When the responsibility for a patient transfers from one consultant to another within a provider spell, one consultant episode will end and another one begins. However, in approximately 90% of cases, the provider spell consists of just one consultant episode.

### KEY FACTS<sup>1</sup>

IN 2023/24:

- There were 124,300 Finished Consultant Episodes (FCEs) recorded in 2023-24. This is an increase of 14% (15,000) on the previous year.
- Of these episodes, 110,200 were admission episodes (the first in a spell), an increase of 14% on the previous year.
- 49,100 of all admissions were emergencies, an increase of 11% on 2022-23.
- Elective admissions make up the majority of admissions for Hywel Dda University Health Board, accounting for 48% of all admissions.
- 49,700 admissions were from waiting lists (including booked admissions), an increase of 17% in 2023-24.
- 64% (78,800) of all FCEs were ordinary inpatient episodes, 37% (45,500) were day case episodes.
- 57% of all episodes (91% of day case episodes) involved some form of procedure or intervention.
- 1,400 admissions (1%) took place outside of Wales in non-Welsh providers.

<sup>1</sup> Figures in the Key Facts have been rounded to the nearest hundred. Percentage calculations are based on the un-rounded figures.

## DATA QUALITY

There are known data quality issues with the Admitted Patient Care data. Please see the [APC Data Quality Status Report](#) for further information.

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## PUBLICATION LINKS

- [APC Data on-line Notes and definitions](#)
- [2023/24 Data Quality Report](#)
- [NHS Wales Data Dictionary](#)

## TRENDS

Charts 1 and 2 have been included to provide an indication of the trend for some of the key facts noted above (2019-20 to 2023-24). Data for years other than the latest year have been taken from previous publications.

CHART 1: NUMBER OF FCES AND ADMISSION EPISODES 2019-20 TO 2023-24



Chart 1 shows the volume of episodes and admission episodes each year. Admission episodes are the first episode within a spell of care. Both FCES and admissions experienced 14% increases in the latest year.

CHART 2: NUMBER OF ADMISSION EPISODES BY ADMISSION METHOD 2019-20 TO 2023-24

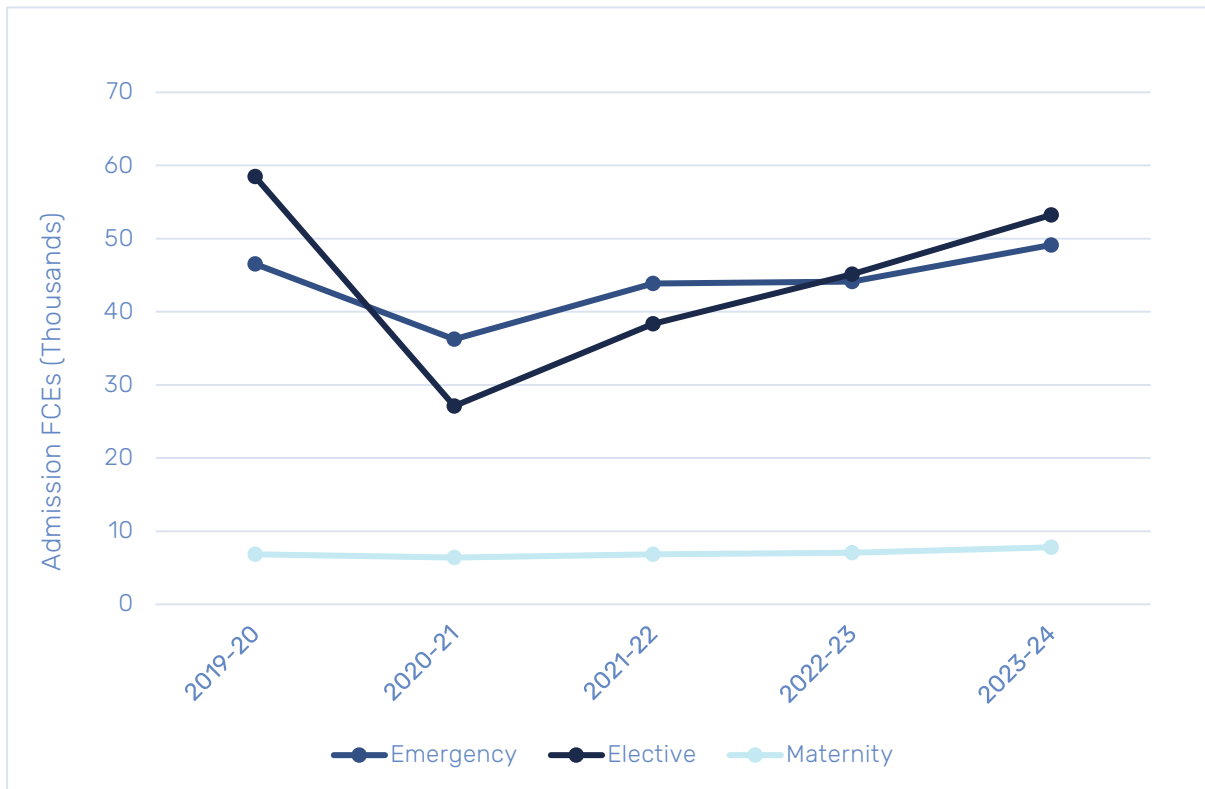


Chart 2 shows the volume of admission episodes split by admission method over time. Elective admissions saw a 18% increase in 2023-24 and account for 48% of all admissions in Hywel Dda University Health Board. Emergency and maternity admissions both increased by 11% in the latest year.

## HEADLINE FIGURES

### Admitted Patient Care (APC) Statistics - Data for the period 1st April 2023 to 31st March 2024 NHS Hospital Admitted Patients - Hywel Dda University Health Board Residents

#### Finished Consultant Episodes - FCEs (excl. Regular Attender episodes )

<b>Total</b>	<b>124,308</b>	<b>100.0%</b>
Proportion of the above episodes with a procedure or intervention:	57.2%	

#### FCEs by Patient Classification

<b>Inpatient FCEs</b>	<b>78,757</b>	<b>63.4%</b>
Proportion of the above episodes with a procedure or intervention:	37.4%	
<b>Day Case FCEs</b>	<b>45,522</b>	<b>36.6%</b>
Proportion of the above episodes with a procedure or intervention:	91.5%	
<b>Mothers Using Delivery Facilities Only: FCEs</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>0.0%</b>
<b>Patient Classification Unknown: FCEs</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0.0%</b>

#### FCEs by Patients' Age

0 - 4	6,400	5.1%
5 - 14	4,328	3.5%
15 - 24	5,875	4.7%
25 - 44	18,718	15.1%
45 - 64	27,144	21.8%
65 - 74	23,317	18.8%
75 - 84	26,137	21.0%
85 & Over	12,381	10.0%
Not known	8	0.0%

#### FCEs and Average Bed days by Broad Specialty Groups (the specialty under which the patient is treated<sup>1</sup>)

	<b>FCEs</b>	<b>Bed days</b>
<b>All Specialties</b>	<b>78,757</b>	<b>5.3</b>
All Non-Psychiatric Specialties Excluding Geriatrics	76,346	4.7
All Non-Psychiatric Specialties	76,831	5.0
All Psychiatric Specialties	678	53.9
Acute	68,262	5.2
Maternity	8,083	1.1
Geriatrics	485	40.4
Mental Illness	672	53.9
Learning Disability	6	43.8

#### Private Patients Treated in NHS Hospitals

FCEs (all patient classifications)	70	0.1%
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#### Delivery Episodes<sup>2</sup>

FCEs: Mothers giving birth (all patient classifications)	2,690	2.2%
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#### FCEs in Spell Breakdown

1 episode only	91.4%
2 episodes	6.2%
3 episodes	1.5%
4 or more episodes	0.8%

**Admission Episodes (only the first episode of care in each hospital stay is counted).**

Total			110,153	100.0%
	Inpatient	Daycase		
<b>Elective admission episodes</b>	7,713	45,500	<b>53,213</b>	<b>48.3%</b>
Waiting List	6,710	42,086	48,796	
Booked	254	627	881	
Planned	186	2,787	2,973	
Other Elective Admissions (transfers)	563	0	563	
<b>Emergency admission episodes</b>			<b>49,138</b>	<b>44.6%</b>
A&E			27,251	
GP			8,624	
Other Emergency			13,263	
<b>Other admission episodes (including maternity)</b>			<b>7,802</b>	<b>7.1%</b>

**Discharge Episodes (only the last episode of care in each hospital stay is counted)**

<b>Total</b>	<b>110,165</b>	<b>100.0%</b>
Deaths in hospital (including stillbirths)	1,998	1.8%

**Discharge Episodes (inpatients only) and Average Length of Stay by Broad Specialty Groups (the specialty under which the patient is treated<sup>1</sup>)**

	Elective		Emergency		Other <sup>3</sup>		All Admissions	
	FCEs	LOS	FCEs	LOS	FCEs	LOS	FCEs	LOS
<b>All Specialties</b>	<b>7,713</b>	<b>4.3</b>	<b>49,151</b>	<b>7.3</b>	<b>7,773</b>	<b>3.7</b>	<b>64,637</b>	<b>6.5</b>
All Non-Psych Spec. excl. Geriatrics	7,691	3.5	47,167	6.7	7,640	2.8	62,498	5.8
All Non-Psychiatric	7,694	3.5	47,443	6.9	7,769	3.7	62,906	6.1
All Psychiatric Specialties	12	480.8	565	56.7	3	**	580	65.2
Acute	7,253	3.6	46,988	6.7	464	29.5	54,705	6.5
Maternity	438	1.5	178	1.3	7,176	1.1	7,792	1.1
Geriatrics	3	**	276	45.4	129	55.2	408	48.5
Mental Illness	12	480.8	560	56.8	3	**	575	65.4
Learning Disability	0	-	5	**	0	-	5	**

**Hywel Dda ULHB Residents Treated in Non-Welsh Providers**

FCEs	1,639	1.3%
Admission Episodes	1,364	1.2%

**\*Regular Day and Night Attender Episodes (these episodes have not been included elsewhere)**

<b>Total</b>	<b>11,786</b>
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[1] In publications prior to 2012/13, the consultants main specialty was used for all specialty figures in the headlines publication. From 2012/13, to comply with current best practice and to match other publications, this was changed to the specialty under which the patient was treated. This means that specialty figures prior to 2012/13 will not be comparable to specialty figures provided for 2012/13 onwards in the headlines publication. Please refer to the NHS Wales data dictionary <http://www.datadictionary.wales.nhs.uk> for definitions.

[2] Please note that the definition for delivery episodes changed from the 2012/13 publication onwards, therefore the data will not be comparable to previous years.

Please see the Notes and Definitions document accompanying this release for further information.

Please note, percentage breakdowns may not always add up to 100% due to rounding.

[3] Other refers to any other type of admission method other than elective or emergency (includes maternity admissions).

\*\*Calculated values such as average length of stay or average beddays are not provided where based on less than 10 values

	Finished Episodes	Admissions	Male	Female	Emerg	Waiting List	Waiting Time		Length of Stay		Mean Age	Inpatient	Day Case
							Mean	Median	Mean	Median			
<b>Procedures (main)</b>													
Cataract	1,686	1,684	42%	58%	0%	100%	324.1	233.0	5.0	1.0	76	1%	99%
Upper digestive tract	4,424	3,787	49%	51%	15%	84%	113.4	26.0	13.0	4.0	63	30%	70%
Heart (CABG)	28	18	86%	14%	0%	100%	34.5	26.0	16.5	15.0	70	100%	0%
Heart (PTCA)	354	154	73%	27%	55%	35%	85.0	77.0	4.1	2.0	67	96%	4%
Hip	702	678	40%	60%	51%	47%	734.5	687.0	13.2	6.0	76	100%	0%
Knee	331	331	46%	54%	2%	96%	911.7	943.0	4.3	3.0	71	100%	0%
Kidney transplant	15	15	60%	40%	60%	40%	**	**	10.7	9.0	11	100%	0%
<b>Diagnosis (primary)</b>													
Cancer	12,794	11,912	50%	50%	10%	87%	40.2	5.0	8.2	3.0	67	31%	69%
Ischaemic Heart Disease	2,603	1,502	68%	32%	63%	28%	47.2	39.0	5.6	3.0	70	87%	13%
Influenza, pneumonia etc	5,957	4,501	51%	49%	90%	9%	162.0	43.0	7.0	2.0	59	95%	5%
Hernia	994	952	66%	34%	23%	76%	125.5	61.5	3.7	1.0	61	39%	61%
Head Injuries	815	728	55%	45%	94%	5%	51.9	3.0	6.5	1.0	51	96%	4%
<b>Diagnosis (anywhere in admitting episode)</b>													
Sepsis	2,207	1,371	55%	45%	93%	1%	51.6	14.0	17.4	8.0	69	100%	0%

**Notes**

\*\* Figures have been suppressed due to low numbers

**Procedures (codes are from the OPCS Classification of Interventions and Procedures Version 4.7)**

1. Cataract: Extraction and prosthesis of lens (C71 - C75)
2. Upper Digestive Tract: Includes operations on oesophagus, stomach, pylorus, duodenum, jejunum and ileum (G01 - G82)
3. Heart (Coronary Artery Bypass Graft): Includes replacement of coronary artery, connection of thoracic artery to coronary artery and other methods of bypass (K40 - K46)
4. Heart (Percutaneous Transluminal operations on Coronary Artery): Includes balloon and laser angioplasty (K49, K50, K51 and K75)
5. Hip: Total prosthetic replacement of hip joint (W37 - W39), prosthetic replacement of head of femur (W46 - W48), hybrid prosthetic replacement of hip joint (W93-W95)
6. Knee: Total prosthetic replacement of knee joint (W40-W42)
7. Kidney: All transplantations of kidneys (M01)

**Diagnosis (codes are from the International Statistical Classification of Diseases and Related Health Problems (ICD10) 4th Edition, published by the WHO)**

8. Cancer: All neoplasms - both benign and malignant (C00 - D48)
9. Ischaemic Heart Disease: Includes myocardial infarction (I20 - I25)
10. Influenza, pneumonia etc: Also includes bronchitis, rhinitis, pharyngitis, disorders of nose and nasal sinuses, tonsils, adenoids, laryngitis, emphysema and asthma. J09: Influenza due to identified avian influenza virus added for 2012/13 publication (J09 - J47)
11. Hernia: Inguinal, femoral, umbilical, ventral, diaphragmatic and abdominal hernia (K40 - K46)
12. Head injuries: Includes fracture of facial bones, skull, mandible, tooth and injury to cranial nerves and eye (S00 - S09).
13. Sepsis: Any mention of a Sepsis diagnosis in any of the 14 diagnosis fields in the admitting episode of care. Includes: Brucellosis (A23), Other zoonotic bacterial diseases nec (A28), Streptococcal sepsis (A40), Other sepsis (A41), Bacterial sepsis of newborn (P36), Puerperal sepsis (O85), Salmonella sepsis (A021), Shigellosis unspecified (A039), Septicaemic plague (A207), Anthrax sepsis (A227), Acute and fulminating melioidosis (A241), Erysipelothrix sepsis (A267), Listerial sepsis (A327), Tetanus neonatorum (A33X), Acute meningococcaemia (A392), Meningococcaemia unspecified (A394), Actinomycotic sepsis (A427), Other gonococcal infections which includes sepsis (A548), Genital tract and pelvic infection following abortion and ectopic and molar pregnancy (O080), Other infection during labour (O753), Systemic inflammatory response syndrome of infectious origin without organ failure (R650), Systemic inflammatory response syndrome of infectious origin with organ failure (R651), Septic Shock (R572), plus the following pairs of codes which are dagger/asterisk code pairs which must be present together: A390† Meningococcal meningitis (G01\*), A391† Waterhouse-Friderichsen syndrome (E351\*)