



HEADLINE FIGURES

PEDW STATISTICS - DATA FOR THE PERIOD 1ST APRIL 2024 TO 31ST MARCH 2025

NHS HOSPITAL ADMITTED PATIENTS – SWANSEA BAY UNIVERSITY HEALTH BOARD PROVIDER.

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.

NOTES

Due to the health service provision change for residents of Bridgend local authority which took effect from 1st April 2019, previous year data for Swansea Bay University Health Board is only available from 2019-20 and is not comparable with earlier data for the former 'Abertawe Bro Morgannwg University Health Board'.

KEY FACTS¹

IN 2024/25:

- There were 138,500 Finished Consultant Episodes (FCEs) recorded in 2024-25, an increase of 6% on the previous year.
- Of these, 116,600 were admission episodes (the first in a spell).
- Elective admissions made up the majority of admissions to Swansea Bay University Health Board (48% in 2024-25).
- Emergency admissions increased by 6% (2,800) on the previous year.
- There were 47,800 admissions from waiting lists (including booked) this year, an increase of 10% compared to 2023-24.
- 70% (96,200) of all FCEs were ordinary inpatient episodes, 30% (42,200) were day case episodes.
- 48% of all FCEs (86% of day case episodes) involved some form of procedure or intervention.

¹ 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.

PUBLICATION LINKS

- [APC Data on-line Notes and definitions](#)
- [2024/25 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 (2020-21 to 2024-25). Data for years other than the latest year have been taken from previous publications.

CHART 1: NUMBER OF FCES AND ADMISSION EPISODES 2020-21 TO 2024-25

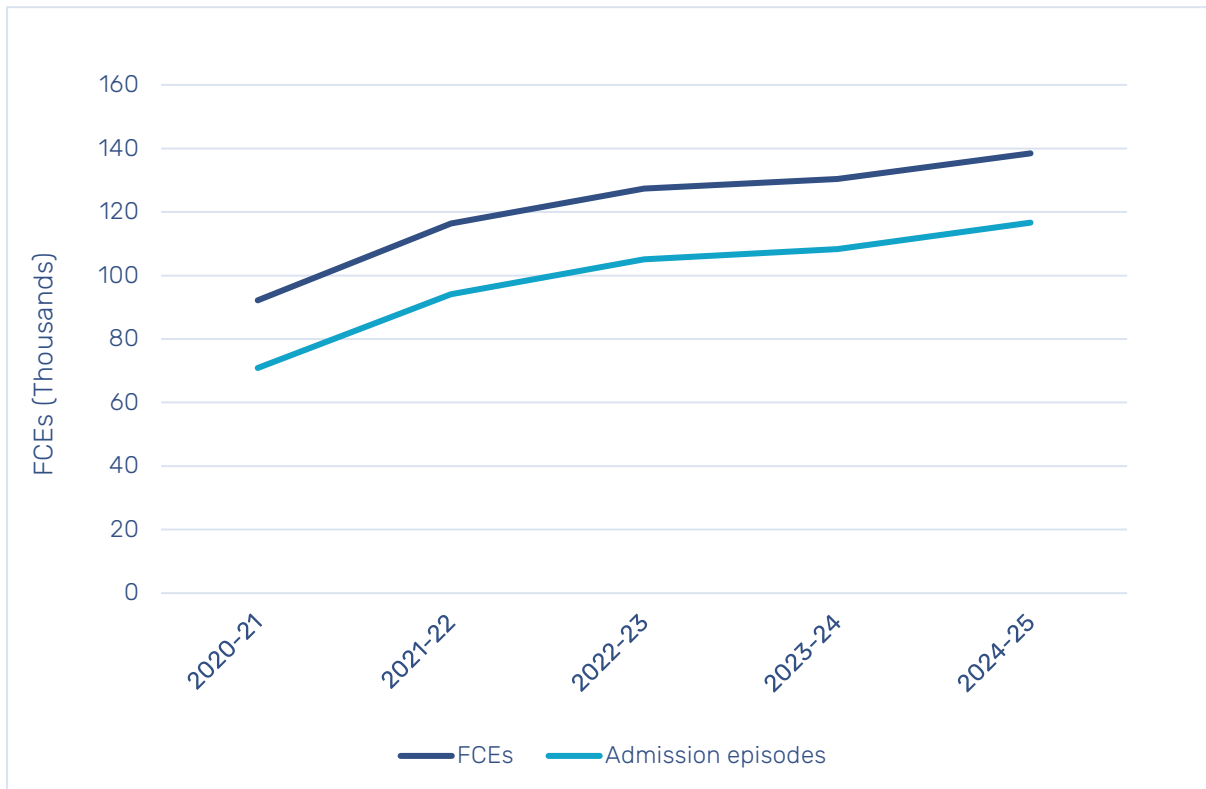


Chart 1 shows the volume of episodes and admission episodes each year. Admission episodes are the first episode within a spell of care. Both FCES and admissions episodes increased in 2024-25; FCE activity was up by 6% and admissions by 8%.

CHART 2: NUMBER OF ADMISSION EPISODES BY ADMISSION METHOD 2020-21 TO 2024-25

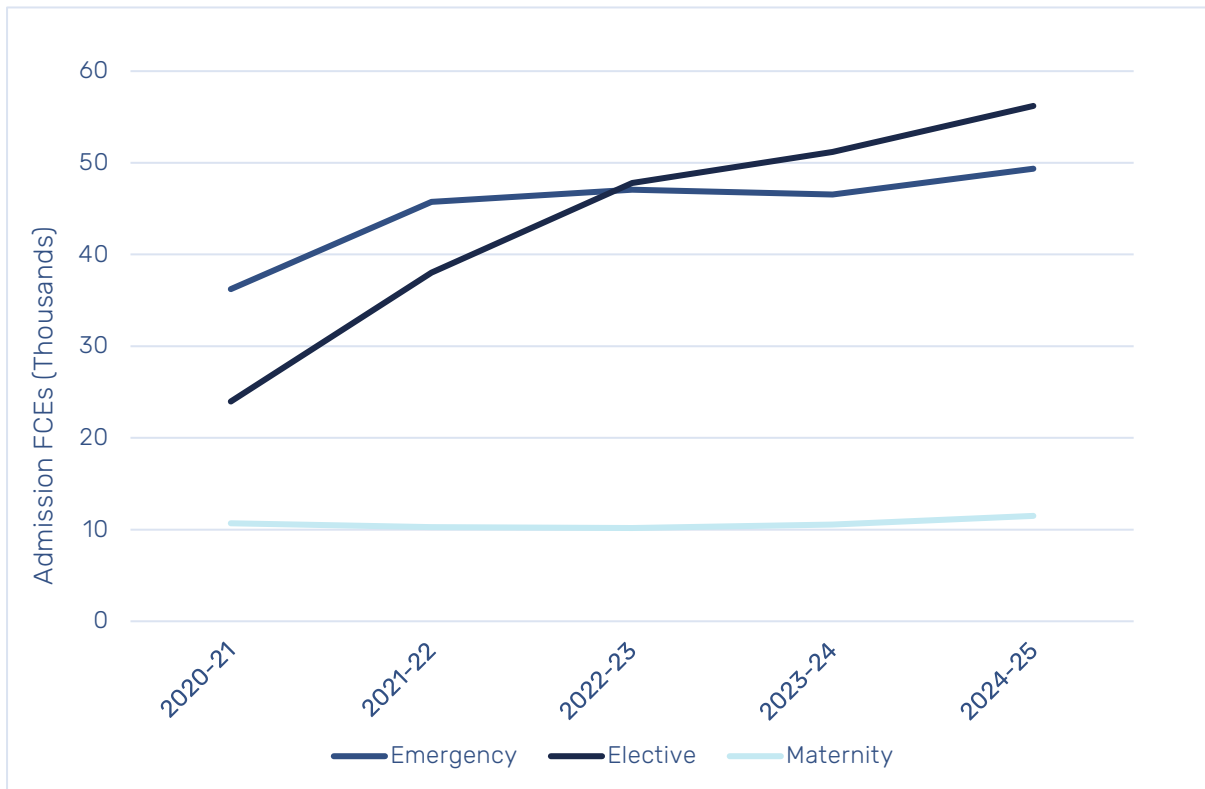


Chart 2 shows the volume of admission episodes split by admission method over time. In 2024-25, elective admissions accounted for the largest proportion in Swansea Bay University Health Board (48%), marking a 10% increase from the previous year. Emergency admissions also rose by 6%, while maternity admissions increased by 9% (an additional 900 admissions) compared to 2023-24.

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APC Statistics - Data for the period 1st April 2024 to 31st March 2025

NHS Hospital Admitted Patients - Swansea Bay University Health Board Provider

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

Total	138,453	100.0%
Proportion of the above episodes with a procedure or intervention:	48.0%	

FCEs by Patient Classification

Inpatient FCEs	96,220	69.5%
Proportion of the above episodes with a procedure or intervention:	31.4%	
Day Case FCEs	42,233	30.5%
Proportion of the above episodes with a procedure or intervention:	86.0%	
Mothers Using Delivery Facilities Only: FCEs	-	0.0%
Patient Classification Unknown: FCEs	0	0.0%

FCEs by Patients' Age

0 - 4	6,463	4.7%
5 - 14	4,479	3.2%
15 - 24	7,950	5.7%
25 - 44	28,322	20.5%
45 - 64	32,244	23.3%
65 - 74	23,320	16.8%
75 - 84	24,302	17.6%
85 & Over	11,373	8.2%
Not known	0	0.0%

FCEs and Average Bed days by Broad Specialty Groups (the specialty under which the patient is treated¹)

	FCEs	Bed days
All Specialties	96,220	5.3
All Non-Psychiatric Specialties Excluding Geriatrics	93,272	3.6
All Non-Psychiatric Specialties	94,700	3.9
All Psychiatric Specialties	1,520	92.4
Acute	81,204	4.0
Maternity	12,068	1.0
Geriatrics	1,428	21.9
Mental Illness	1,441	67.1
Learning Disability	79	554.2

Private Patients Treated in NHS Hospitals

FCEs (all patient classifications)	103	0.1%
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Delivery Episodes²

FCEs: Mothers giving birth (all patient classifications)	2,805	2.0%
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FCEs in Spell Breakdown

1 episode only	89.5%
2 episodes	6.5%
3 episodes	2.3%
4 or more episodes	1.7%

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

Total			116,640	100.0%
	Inpatient	Daycase		
Elective admission episodes	14,056	42,151	56,207	48.2%
Waiting List	9,261	35,006	44,267	
Booked	328	3,243	3,571	
Planned	682	3,902	4,584	
Other Elective Admissions (transfers)	3,785	0	3,785	
Emergency admission episodes			49,360	42.3%
A&E			24,668	
GP			11,149	
Other Emergency			13,121	
Other admission episodes (including maternity)			11,495	9.9%

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

Total	116,576	100.0%
Deaths in hospital (including stillbirths)	1,947	1.7%

Discharge Episodes (inpatients only) and Average Length of Stay by Broad Specialty Groups (the specialty under which the patient is treated¹)

	Elective		Emergency		Other ³		All Admissions	
	FCEs	LOS	FCEs	LOS	FCEs	LOS	FCEs	LOS
All Specialties	14,034	12.5	48,897	5.8	11,494	1.6	74,425	6.4
All Non-Psych Spec. excl. Geriatrics	13,228	7.5	47,407	4.6	11,488	1.6	72,123	4.7
All Non-Psychiatric	13,633	8.7	48,064	4.8	11,489	1.6	73,186	5.0
All Psychiatric Specialties	401	142.0	833	60.1	5	**	1,239	86.7
Acute	13,175	7.5	47,370	4.6	886	7.2	61,431	5.3
Maternity	53	3.3	37	1.0	10,602	1.1	10,692	1.1
Geriatrics	405	48.6	657	18.8	1	**	1,063	30.1
Mental Illness	382	128.1	786	57.0	5	**	1,173	80.3
Learning Disability	19	421.5	47	112.1	0	-	66	201.2

Non-Welsh Residents Treated in Swansea Bay ULHB

FCEs	717	0.5%
Admission Episodes	535	0.5%

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

Total	17,692
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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.

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

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

**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			
Procedures (main)													
Cataract	3,113	3,112	41%	59%	0%	99%	299.7	182.0	3.5	1.0	75	1%	99%
Upper digestive tract	5,962	5,275	46%	54%	7%	84%	141.3	27.0	6.9	2.0	59	23%	77%
Heart (CABG)	83	35	84%	16%	0%	100%	54.0	37.0	16.6	13.0	66	-	-
Heart (PTCA)	1,011	453	74%	26%	69%	21%	88.7	63.0	3.6	2.0	65	100%	0%
Hip	707	659	39%	61%	35%	64%	450.3	386.5	7.3	3.0	72	100%	0%
Knee	489	487	44%	56%	1%	98%	595.7	523.0	2.5	2.0	70	100%	0%
Kidney transplant	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Diagnosis (primary)													
Cancer	9,846	9,275	52%	48%	14%	77%	63.8	26.0	6.5	2.0	67	35%	65%
Ischaemic Heart Disease	2,364	835	70%	30%	60%	16%	89.0	65.0	5.5	3.0	67	97%	3%
Influenza, pneumonia etc	4,799	3,714	49%	51%	84%	14%	308.4	93.0	5.9	2.0	53	92%	8%
Hernia	624	561	64%	36%	44%	49%	463.5	418.0	2.8	1.0	59	71%	29%
Head Injuries	711	610	59%	41%	92%	2%	136.0	7.0	4.7	0.0	49	99%	1%
Diagnosis (anywhere in admitting episode)													
Sepsis	1,035	572	53%	47%	77%	1%	**	**	15.5	9.0	62	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)

- Cataract: Extraction and prosthesis of lens (C71 - C75)
- Upper Digestive Tract: Includes operations on oesophagus, stomach, pylorus, duodenum, jejunum and ileum (G01 - G82)
- Heart (Coronary Artery Bypass Graft): Includes replacement of coronary artery, connection of thoracic artery to coronary artery and other methods of bypass (K40 - K46)
- Heart (Percutaneous Transluminal operations on Coronary Artery): Includes balloon and laser angioplasty (K49, K50, K51 and K75)
- 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)
- Knee: Total prosthetic replacement of knee joint (W40-W42)
- 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)

- Cancer: All neoplasms - both benign and malignant (C00 - D48)
- Ischaemic Heart Disease: Includes myocardial infarction (I20 - I25)
- 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)
- Hernia: Inguinal, femoral, umbilical, ventral, diaphragmatic and abdominal hernia (K40 - K46)
- Head injuries: Includes fracture of facial bones, skull, mandible, tooth and injury to cranial nerves and eye (S00 - S09)
- 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*)