



HEADLINE FIGURES

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

NHS HOSPITAL ADMITTED PATIENTS - ALL WELSH PROVIDERS

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 FACTS¹

IN 2024/25:

- There were 960,400 Finished Consultant Episodes (FCEs) recorded, representing an increase of 2% on the previous year.
- Of these, 814,500 were admission episodes (the first in a spell), an increase of 2% on the previous year.
- Emergency admissions were up by 1% (3,600), increasing to 389,500 in 2024-25.
- Emergency admissions made up the majority of admissions for Wales providers (48% in 2024-25).
- There were 304,000 admissions from waiting lists (including booked admissions) in 2024-25, an increase of 2% compared to the previous year.
- 69% of episodes were ordinary inpatient episodes and 29% were day cases. Mothers using delivery facilities made up the other 2% of all episodes.
- 49% of all episodes (84% of day case episodes) involved some form of procedure or intervention.
- The number of delivery episodes decreased in 2024-25 by 300 episodes. Delivery episodes have been declining year on year over the last 10 years. There were 30,100 delivery episodes in 2015-16 compared to 21,000 in 2024-25.
- There was an increase of admissions from patients not normally resident within Wales up 32% from 8,400 in 2023-24 to 11,100 in 2024-25, accounting for 1.5% of episodes.

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 over the last ten years (2015-16 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 2015-16 TO 2024-25.

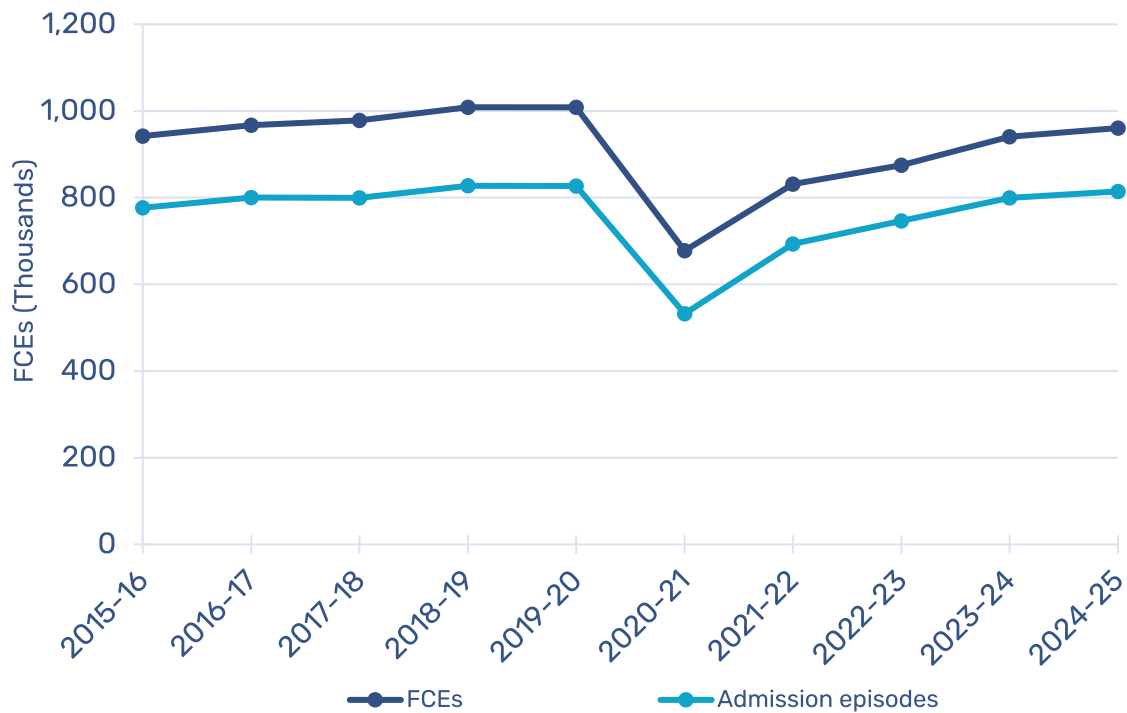


Chart 1 shows the volume of episodes and admission episodes each year. Admission episodes are the first episode within a spell of care. FCES and admissions both increased by 2% on the previous year.

CHART 2: NUMBER OF ADMISSION EPISODES BY ADMISSION METHOD 2015-16 TO 2024-24

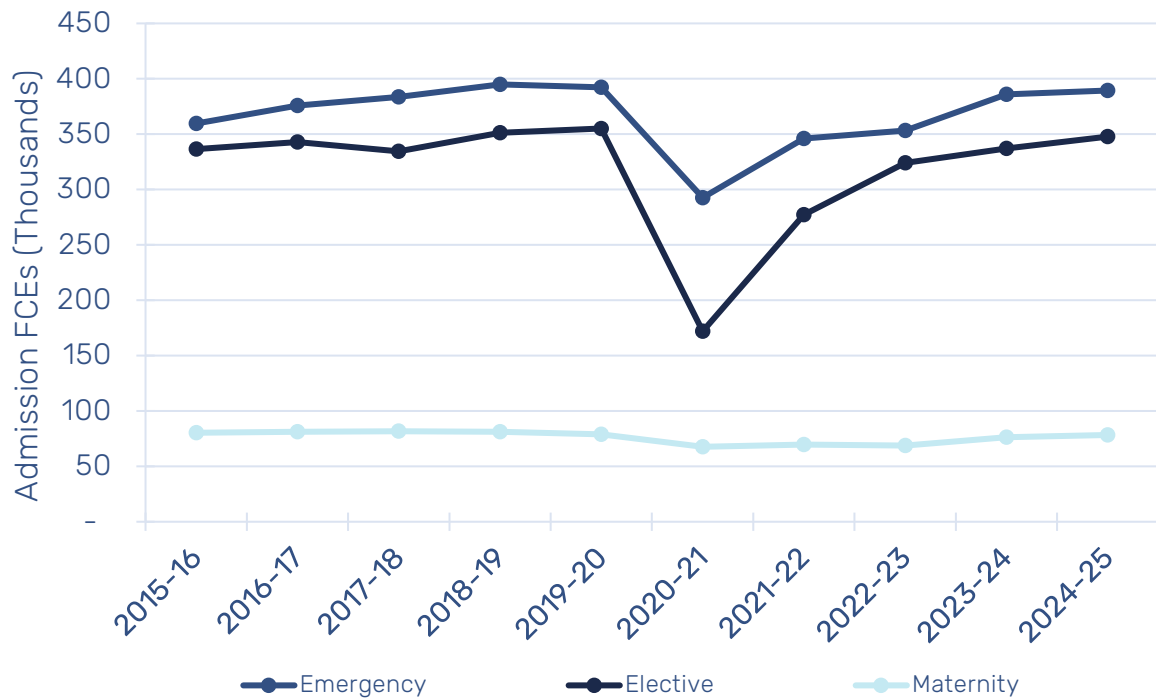


Chart 2 shows the volume of admission episodes split by admission method over time. Emergency admissions make up the majority of admissions in NHS Wales (48% in 2024-25). Both emergency admissions and elective admissions increased slightly in the latest year, 1% and 3% respectively. Maternity admissions increased (2%) compared to 2023-24.

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NHS Hospital Admitted Patients - All Welsh Providers

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

Total	960,364	100.00%
Proportion of the above episodes with a procedure or intervention:	48.6%	

FCEs by Patient Classification

Inpatient FCEs	660,034	68.73%
Proportion of the above episodes with a procedure or intervention:	32.1%	
Day Case FCEs	276,004	28.74%
Proportion of the above episodes with a procedure or intervention:	89.4%	
Mothers Using Delivery Facilities Only: FCEs	24,312	2.53%
Patient Classification Unknown: FCEs	14	0.00%

FCEs by Patients' Age

0 - 4	49,047	5.1%
5 - 14	33,374	3.5%
15 - 24	50,874	5.3%
25 - 44	182,559	19.0%
45 - 64	209,111	21.8%
65 - 74	158,554	16.5%
75 - 84	182,081	19.0%
85 & Over	94,675	9.9%
Not known	89	0.0%

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

	FCEs	Bed days
All Specialties	660,034	5.3
All Non-Psychiatric Specialties Excluding Geriatrics	609,750	3.9
All Non-Psychiatric Specialties	644,495	4.6
All Psychiatric Specialties	9,142	58.7
Acute	553,685	4.2
Maternity	56,056	1.0
Geriatrics	34,745	17.6
Mental Illness	8,999	53.2
Learning Disability	143	405.8

Private Patients Treated in NHS Hospitals

FCEs (all patient classifications)	484	0.1%
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Delivery Episodes²

FCEs: Mothers giving birth (all patient classifications)	20,970	2.2%
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FCEs in Spell Breakdown

1 episode only		88.5%
2 episodes		7.9%
3 episodes		2.3%
4 or more episodes		1.3%

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

Total			814,477	100.0%
	Inpatient	Daycase		
Elective admission episodes	72,405	275,448	347,860	42.7%
Waiting List	47,772	237,460	285,239	
Booked	3,230	15,484	18,714	
Planned	2,943	22,504	25,447	
Other Elective Admissions (transfers)	18,460	0	18,460	
Emergency admission episodes			389,487	47.8%
A&E			191,558	
GP			125,997	
Other Emergency			70,797	
Other admission episodes (including maternity)			78,265	9.6%

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

Total	814,124	100.0%
Deaths in hospital (including stillbirths)	14,925	1.8%

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	72,271	10.8	388,110	6.7	54,672	1.8	515,053	6.7
All Non-Psych Spec. excl. Geriatrics	64,707	6.5	358,985	5.0	54,463	1.6	478,155	4.8
All Non-Psychiatric	70,338	8.9	377,331	6.0	54,647	1.7	502,316	5.9
All Psychiatric Specialties	1,781	86.5	5,297	63.1	21	53.6	7,099	69.0
Acute	63,451	6.6	357,681	5.0	3,850	9.0	424,982	5.3
Maternity	1,255	1.9	1,303	1.4	50,613	1.0	53,171	1.1
Geriatrics	5,631	35.7	18,346	24.6	184	50.5	24,161	27.4
Mental Illness	1,755	82.6	5,201	61.2	21	53.6	6,977	66.6
Learning Disability	26	352.6	96	168.0	0	-	122	207.3

Non-Welsh Residents Treated in Welsh Providers

FCEs	13,068	1.4%
Admission Episodes	11,114	1.4%

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

Total	140,808	
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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	20,994	20,976	40%	60%	0%	99%	194.6	82.0	2.0	0.0	76	3%	97%
Upper digestive tract	41,946	38,122	47%	53%	10%	80%	79.4	23.0	10.3	4.0	60	22%	78%
Heart (CABG)	345	247	86%	14%	51%	47%	109.5	83.0	13.2	9.0	66	100%	0%
Heart (PTCA)	2,940	2,157	74%	26%	77%	19%	94.7	59.5	3.9	3.0	66	93%	7%
Hip	5,364	5,176	39%	61%	36%	64%	477.5	436.0	7.3	3.0	72	100%	0%
Knee	3,449	3,439	46%	54%	1%	98%	599.9	584.5	3.2	2.0	70	100%	0%
Kidney transplant	98	95	57%	43%	65%	35%	49.8	33.0	9.7	8.0	51	100%	0%
Diagnosis (primary)													
Cancer	81,567	76,058	51%	49%	12%	78%	47.8	21.0	7.2	2.0	66	30%	70%
Ischaemic Heart Disease	11,118	7,143	66%	34%	68%	22%	78.3	55.0	4.9	2.0	69	88%	12%
Influenza, pneumonia etc	56,880	40,409	48%	52%	87%	9%	255.5	86.0	6.2	2.0	57	95%	5%
Hernia	6,161	5,703	70%	30%	36%	62%	311.4	221.0	3.1	1.0	59	60%	40%
Head Injuries	5,946	4,863	57%	43%	88%	6%	31.8	6.0	6.6	1.0	57	96%	4%
Diagnosis (anywhere in admitting episode)													
Sepsis	13,841	8,177	53%	47%	81%	2%	92.6	19.0	15.4	7.0	66	98%	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*)