

HEADLINE FIGURES

PEDW Statistics - Data for the period 1st April 2020 to 31st March 2021

NHS Hospital Admitted Patients – Aneurin Bevan University Health Board Provider.

Summary

The annual PEDW data tables present analyses of the Patient Episode Database for Wales (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

COVID-19 has greatly impacted Admitted Patient Care in 2020/21, admissions across all areas have reduced, please see below for details:

In 2020/21:

- There were 168,600 Finished Consultant Episodes (FCEs) recorded, a large decrease of 30% on 2019-20 where 240,500 FCEs were recorded. This is also a 26% reduction in FCEs on the average of the previous five years.
- Of these, 111,000 were admission episodes (the first in a spell), again a large decrease (34%, 57,400) on the previous year.
- Maternity admissions continued to fall, decreasing by 23% on the previous year, with 12,900 maternity admissions being reported in 2020-21. Maternity admissions have decreased by 18% since 2016-17.
- Emergency admissions represented 58% of all admissions in 2019-20. However, emergency admissions dropped by 28% on the previous year to 64,000.
- 24,300 admissions were from waiting lists (including booked admissions), a decrease of 56% on the previous year.
- 87% (146,000) of all FCEs were ordinary inpatient episodes, 14% (22,700) were day case episodes.
- 38% of all FCEs (93% of day case episodes) involved some form of procedure or intervention.
- 1% of admissions (1,200) were from patients not normally resident within Wales, this percentage is consistent with previous years.

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

Data Quality

Primary diagnosis coding completeness: This data was extracted from the PEDW database in November 2021. The clinical coding section of the APC Data Quality Status report advises that three organisations (BCUHB, Powys and Swansea) met both clinical coding completeness targets while another three organisations (Aneurin Bevan, Cwm Taf and Hywel Dda) failed to meet either of them. Aneurin Bevan (92.8%), Cwm Taf (89.1%) and Hywel Dda (85.9%) failed to achieve the national standard of 95% coded within 3 months of episode end date, while Aneurin Bevan (92.8%), Cardiff & Vale (96.8%), Cwm Taf (89.1%), Hywel Dda (85.9%) and Velindre (97.6%) failed to achieve the 98% target for rolling 12 months' data.

Treatment specialty re-coding: From April 2016, new codes were introduced for describing specialties to add more detail to data collections. Currently, not all health boards are reporting this data consistently using the more detailed codes. For this publication, treatment specialties have been recoded as their previous description to avoid inconsistent reporting.

Publication Links

- PEDW Data on-line [Notes and definitions](#)
- [2020/21 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 (2016-17 to 2020-21). Data for years other than the latest year have been taken from previous publications.

Chart 1: Number of FCEs and admission episodes 2016-17 to 2020-21

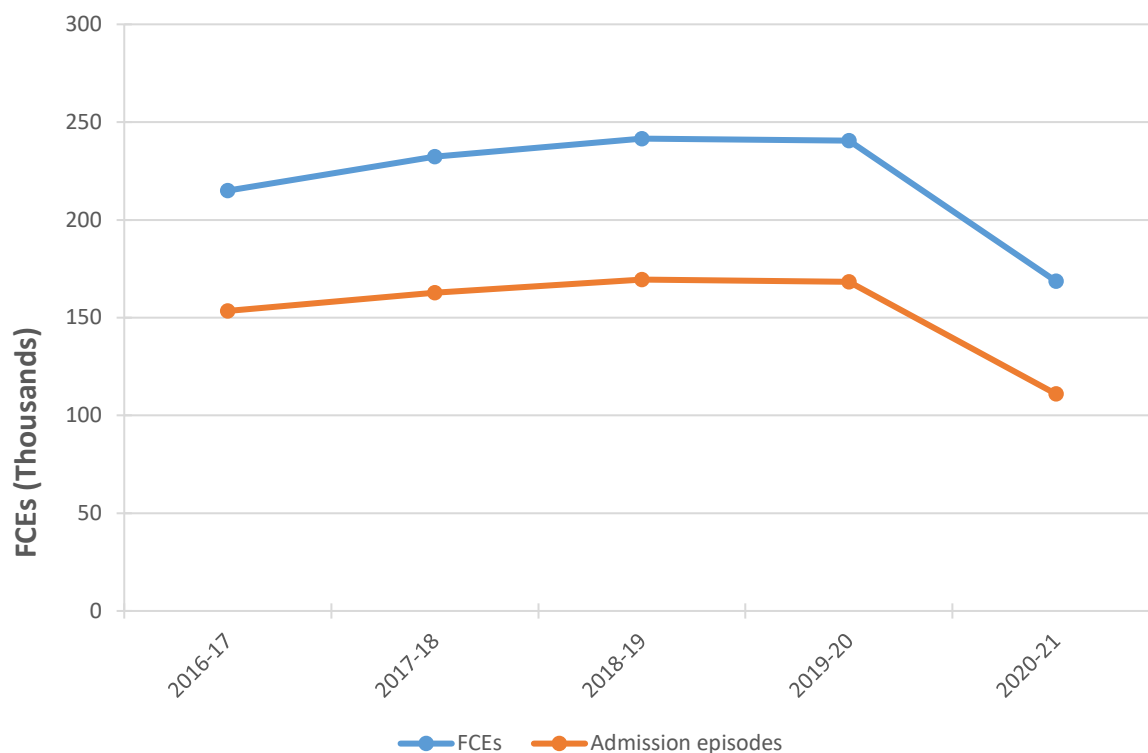


Chart 1 shows the volume of episodes and admission episodes each year. Admission episodes are the first episode within a spell of care. FCEs and admission episodes fell substantially in 2020-21. FCEs experienced a drop of 30% and admission episodes a drop of 34%.

Chart 2: Number of admission episodes by admission method 2016-17 to 2020-21

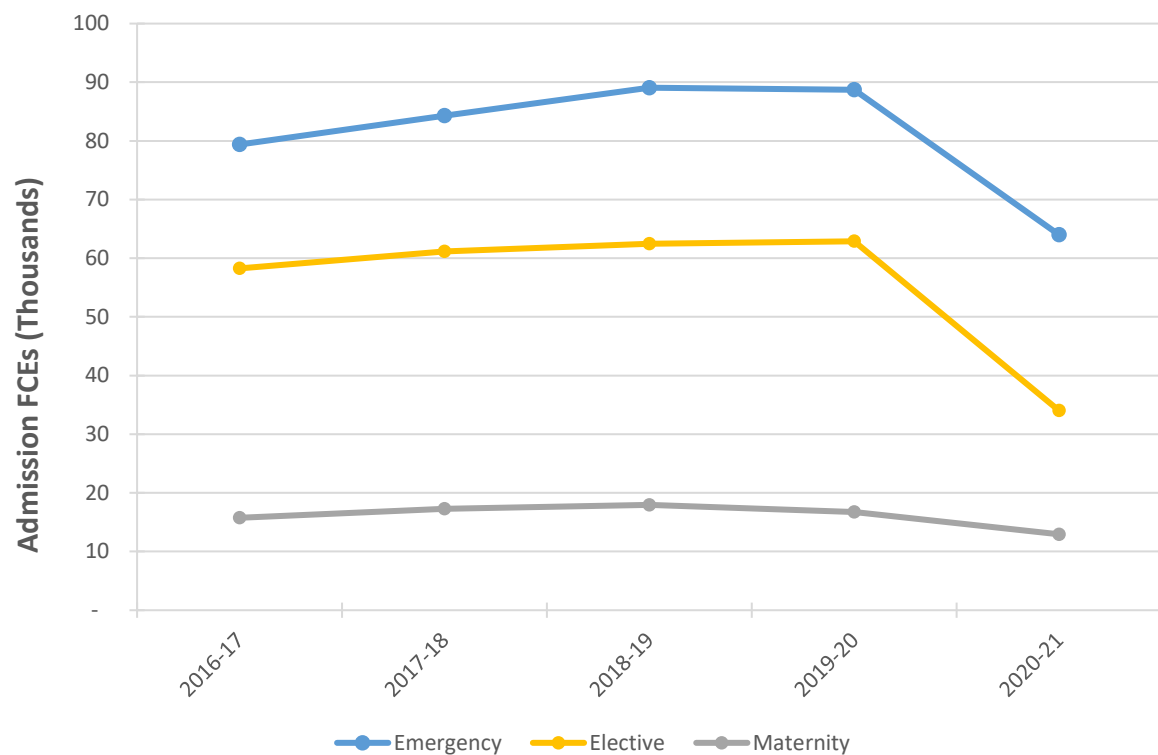


Chart 2 shows the volume of admission episodes split by admission method over time. Both emergency and elective admissions witnessed sharp falls in 2020-21. Emergency admissions fell by 28% to 64,000, and elective admissions fell by 46% to 23,100. Maternity admissions declined in 2019-20 and continued to decline in 2020-21, albeit by a greater amount; maternity admissions decreased by 23% on the previous year.

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

Total	168,610	100.0%
Proportion of the above episodes with a procedure or intervention:	37.9%	

FCEs by Patient Classification

Inpatient FCEs	145,920	86.5%
Proportion of the above episodes with a procedure or intervention:	29.3%	
Day Case FCEs	22,690	13.5%
Proportion of the above episodes with a procedure or intervention:	93.4%	
Mothers Using Delivery Facilities Only: FCEs	-	0.0%
Patient Classification Unknown: FCEs	0	0.0%

FCEs by Patients' Age

0 - 4	6,262	3.7%
5 - 14	2,972	1.8%
15 - 24	10,119	6.0%
25 - 44	34,751	20.6%
45 - 64	35,304	20.9%
65 - 74	27,261	16.2%
75 - 84	30,949	18.4%
85 & Over	20,990	12.4%
Not known	2	0.0%

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

	FCEs	Bed days
All Specialties	145,920	3.2
All Non-Psychiatric Specialties Excluding Geriatrics	127,917	2.4
All Non-Psychiatric Specialties	144,475	2.8
All Psychiatric Specialties	1,443	39.7
Acute	114,266	2.5
Maternity	13,392	1.0
Geriatrics	16,558	6.3
Mental Illness	1,411	38.9
Learning Disability	32	73.7

Private Patients Treated in NHS Hospitals

FCEs (all patient classifications)	0	0.0%
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Delivery Episodes²

FCEs: Mothers giving birth (all patient classifications)	4,554	2.7%
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FCEs in Spell Breakdown

1 episode only	71.0%
2 episodes	16.5%
3 episodes	7.1%
4 or more episodes	5.4%

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

Total			110,951	100.0%
	Inpatient	Daycase		
Elective admission episodes	11,426	22,592	34,018	30.7%
Waiting List	2,710	20,365	23,075	
Booked	315	907	1,222	
Planned	170	1,320	1,490	
Other Elective Admissions (transfers)	8,231	0	8,231	
Emergency admission episodes			63,990	57.7%
A&E			29,413	
GP			28,665	
Other Emergency			5,912	
Other admission episodes (including maternity)			12,943	11.7%

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

Total	110,736	100.0%
Deaths in hospital (including stillbirths)	2,987	2.7%

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	11,315	13.6	63,892	4.5	12,937	1.6	88,144	5.2
All Non-Psych Spec. excl. Geriatrics	9,447	12.5	55,470	2.7	12,935	1.6	77,852	3.7
All Non-Psychiatric	11,281	13.3	62,527	3.7	12,937	1.6	86,745	4.7
All Psychiatric Specialties	32	118.5	1,365	39.8	0	-	1,397	41.6
Acute	9,312	12.5	55,406	2.7	1,192	6.3	65,910	4.2
Maternity	79	2.5	14	1.4	11,743	1.1	11,836	1.1
Geriatrics	1,834	17.6	7,057	11.5	2	**	8,893	12.7
Mental Illness	28	130.2	1,337	39.0	0	-	1,365	40.9
Learning Disability*	4	**	28	79.0	0	-	32	73.7

Non-Welsh Residents Treated in Aneurin Bevan ULHB

FCEs	1,683	1.0%
Admission Episodes	1,154	1.0%

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

Total	5,786
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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	1,000	1,000	41%	60%	0%	100%	201.8	199.0	23.0	7.5	74	2%	98%
Upper digestive tract	5,402	4,531	47%	53%	7%	86%	71.6	20.0	9.7	5.5	62	26%	74%
Heart (CABG)	1	1	100%	0%	100%	0%	**	**	**	**	**	-	0%
Heart (PTCA)	363	176	71%	29%	55%	34%	68.9	48.0	4.4	3.0	67	85%	15%
Hip	397	307	29%	71%	86%	7%	280.9	301.0	9.5	7.0	80	100%	0%
Knee	21	16	71%	29%	13%	56%	**	**	12.0	4.0	71	100%	0%
Kidney transplant	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Diagnosis (anywhere in admitting episode)													
Sepsis	5,081	2,260	51%	49%	52%	0%	64.5	38.0	12.3	6.0	58	100%	0%

Notes

** Figures have been suppressed due to low numbers

Percentages have been rounded to nearest whole number

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)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*)