

HEADLINE FIGURES

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

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

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 183,000 Finished Consultant Episodes (FCEs) recorded, representing a drop of 30% on 2019-20, and a reduction of 26% on the average of the last five years.
- Of these, 124,700 were admission episodes (the first in a spell), again a large drop of 34% on 2019-20, where there were 187,900 admission episodes.
- There were 69,500 emergency admissions in the latest year compared to 94,900 in 2019-20, a decrease of 27%.
- Emergency admissions represented 56% of all admissions in 2020-21.
- Only 30,500 admissions were from waiting lists (including booked admissions), a decrease of 53% on the previous year.
- 84% (154,300) of all FCEs were ordinary inpatient episodes, 15% (28,200) were day case episodes.
- 41% of all FCEs (93% of day case episodes) involved some form of procedure or intervention.
- Maternity admissions were down by 21% to 13,900 compared with 17,700 in 2019-20.
- 2,000 admissions for Aneurin Bevan University Health Board residents took place outside of Wales in non-welsh providers representing 1.6% of all admissions.

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

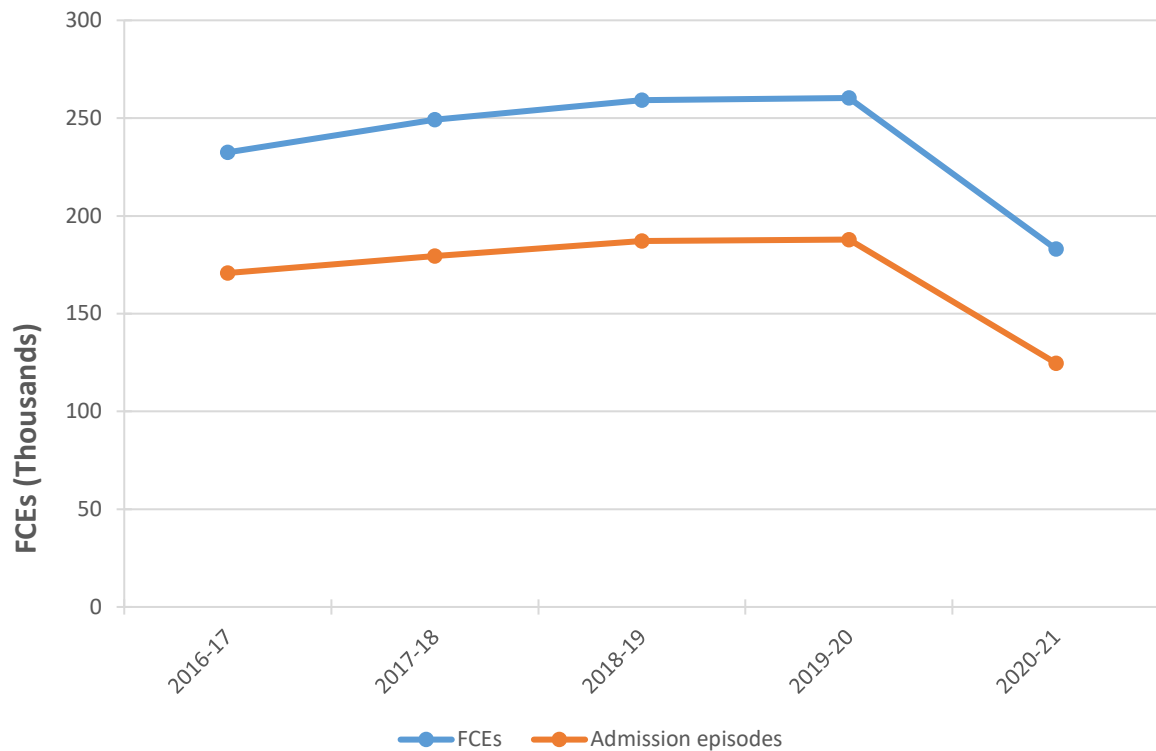


Chart 1 shows the volume of episodes and admission episodes each year. Admission episodes are the first episode within a spell of care. Both FCEs and admission episodes have dropped significantly this year, following a period of stability between 2018-19 and 2019-20.

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

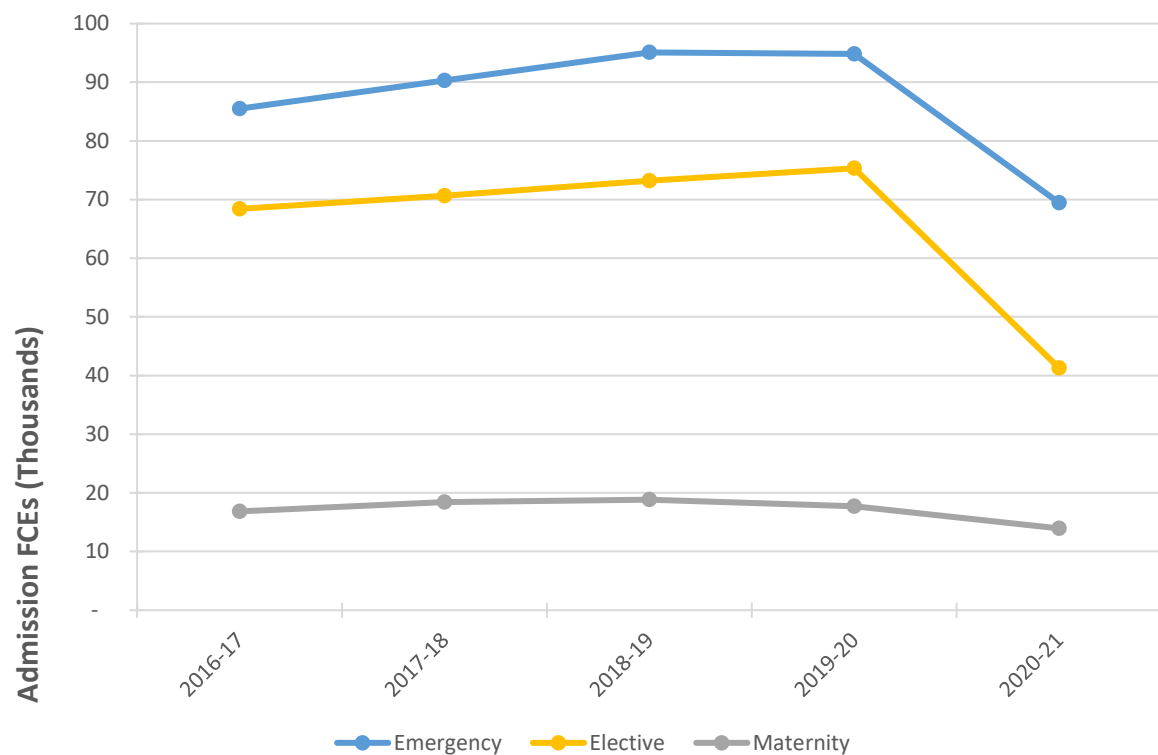


Chart 2 shows the volume of admission episodes split by admission method over time. Emergency admissions made up most admissions for Aneurin Bevan University Health Board residents (56% in 2020-21). Emergency and elective admissions decreased substantially by 27% and 45% respectively on the previous year. Maternity admissions decreased by 21% on the previous year, following slight decreases in prior years.

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

Total	183,015	100.0%
Proportion of the above episodes with a procedure or intervention:	41.3%	

FCEs by Patient Classification

Inpatient FCEs	154,304	84.3%
Proportion of the above episodes with a procedure or intervention:	31.6%	
Day Case FCEs	28,249	15.4%
Proportion of the above episodes with a procedure or intervention:	93.4%	
Mothers Using Delivery Facilities Only: FCEs	460	0.3%
Patient Classification Unknown: FCEs	2	0.0%

FCEs by Patients' Age

0 - 4	7,348	4.0%
5 - 14	3,829	2.1%
15 - 24	10,971	6.0%
25 - 44	36,993	20.2%
45 - 64	39,897	21.8%
65 - 74	29,791	16.3%
75 - 84	32,885	18.0%
85 & Over	21,293	11.6%
Not known	8	0.0%

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

	FCEs	Bed days
All Specialties	154,304	3.4
All Non-Psychiatric Specialties Excluding Geriatrics	136,834	2.6
All Non-Psychiatric Specialties	152,870	3.0
All Psychiatric Specialties	1,431	41.8
Acute	122,947	2.8
Maternity	13,633	1.0
Geriatrics	16,036	6.3
Mental Illness	1,395	41.1
Learning Disability	36	69.7

Private Patients Treated in NHS Hospitals

FCEs (all patient classifications)	43	0.0%
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Delivery Episodes²

FCEs: Mothers giving birth (all patient classifications)	4,936	2.7%
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FCEs in Spell Breakdown

1 episode only	73.7%
2 episodes	15.1%
3 episodes	6.3%
4 or more episodes	4.8%

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

Total			124,684	100.0%
	Inpatient	Daycase		
Elective admission episodes	13,268	28,021	41,291	33.1%
Waiting List	3,783	21,300	25,083	
Booked	663	4,749	5,413	
Planned	736	1,972	2,709	
Other Elective Admissions (transfers)	8,086	0	8,086	
Emergency admission episodes			69,448	55.7%
A&E			32,806	
GP			28,314	
Other Emergency			8,328	
Other admission episodes (including maternity)			13,945	11.2%

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

Total	124,452	100.0%
Deaths in hospital (including stillbirths)	3,320	2.7%

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

	Elective		Emergency		Other ³		All Admissions	
	FCEs	LOS	FCEs	LOS	FCEs	LOS	FCEs	LOS
All Specialties	13,155	12.5	69,308	4.7	13,386	1.6	95,849	5.4
All Non-Psych Spec. excl. Geriatrics	11,309	11.3	61,150	3.2	13,380	1.6	85,839	4.0
All Non-Psychiatric	13,105	12.2	67,979	4.0	13,383	1.6	94,467	4.8
All Psychiatric Specialties	49	105.7	1,327	41.7	3	**	1,379	44.2
Acute	11,202	11.3	61,074	3.2	1,365	6.1	73,641	4.5
Maternity	53	2.3	28	1.1	12,015	1.1	12,096	1.1
Geriatrics	1,796	17.8	6,829	11.5	3	**	8,628	12.8
Mental Illness	42	116.6	1,298	41.0	3	**	1,343	43.5
Learning Disability*	7	**	29	76.7	0	-	36	69.7

Aneurin Bevan ULHB Residents Treated in Non-Welsh Providers

FCEs	2,269	1.2%
Admission Episodes	1,991	1.6%

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

Total	27,487
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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			
Procedures (main)													
Cataract	1,158	1,158	41%	59%	0%	98%	199.0	190.0	16.1	1.0	74	2%	98%
Upper digestive tract	5,832	4,900	47%	53%	9%	83%	71.4	20.0	10.0	5.0	61	28%	72%
Heart (CABG)	75	72	79%	21%	33%	67%	160.1	123.5	11.8	9.5	66	100%	0%
Heart (PTCA)	761	560	71%	29%	76%	20%	79.4	51.5	3.6	2.0	66	88%	12%
Hip	445	353	29%	71%	84%	10%	287.2	319.0	10.0	7.0	79	100%	0%
Knee	31	27	61%	39%	15%	59%	311.8	337.0	13.4	4.0	69	100%	0%
Kidney transplant	12	12	67%	33%	83%	8%	**	**	8.5	7.0	49	100%	0%
Diagnosis (anywhere in admitting episode)													
Sepsis	5,190	2,364	51%	49%	55%	1%	48.3	33.5	12.9	7.0	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*)