

HEADLINE FIGURES

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

NHS Hospital Admitted Patients – Swansea Bay 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.

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 for the year of 2019-20 and is not comparable with earlier data for the former 'Abertawe Bro Morgannwg University Health Board'. For more information see the [*Joint statement from Cwm Taf and Abertawe Bro Morgannwg University Health Boards*](#).

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 92,200 Finished Consultant Episodes (FCEs) recorded in 2020-21 which is a reduction of 33% on 2019-20.
- Of these, 70,900 were admission episodes (the first in a spell).
- Emergency admissions make up the majority of admissions to Swansea Bay University Health Board (51% in 2020-21). Emergency admissions were down 27% on the previous year.
- There were 18,900 admissions from waiting lists (including booked) this year, a reduction of 49% on the previous year.
- 82% (75,200) of all FCEs were ordinary inpatient episodes, 18% (17,000) were day case episodes.
- 55% of all FCEs (95% 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

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 (2019-20 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 2019-20 to 2020-21

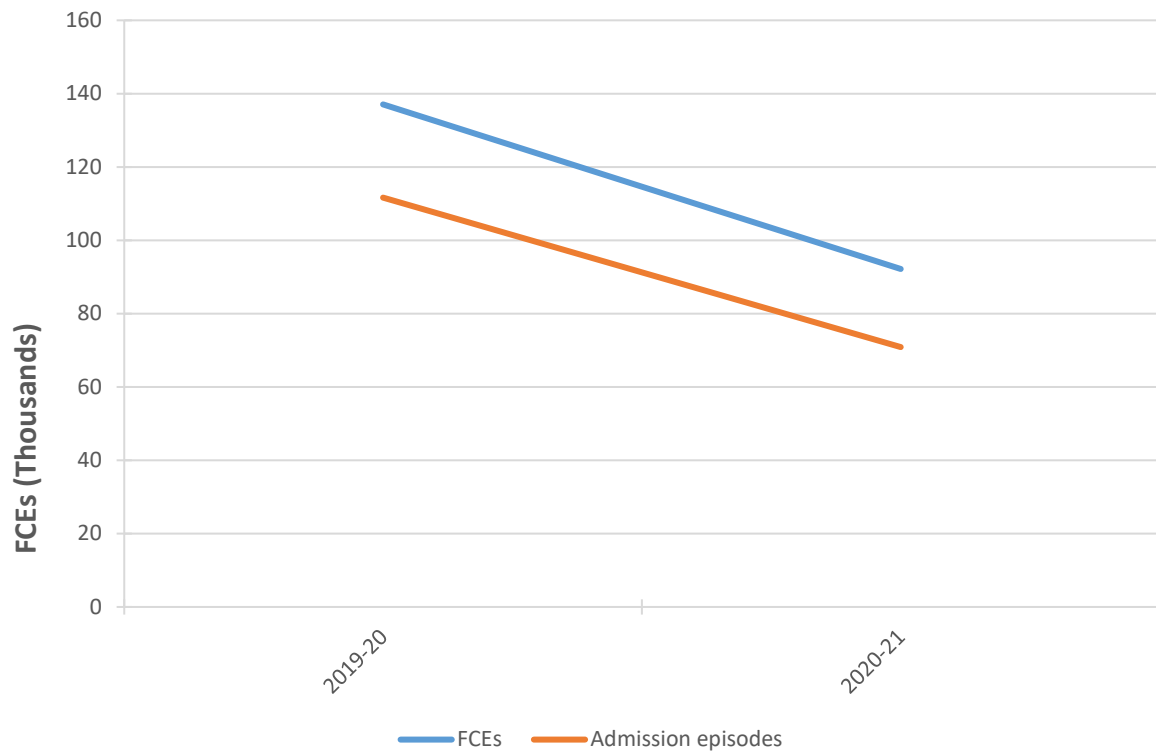


Chart 1 shows the volume of episodes and admission episodes each year. Admission episodes are the first episode within a spell of care. FCEs and admissions episodes dropped significantly in 2020-21; FCE activity dropped by 33% and admissions by 37%.

Chart 2: Number of admission episodes by admission method 2011-12 to 2020-21

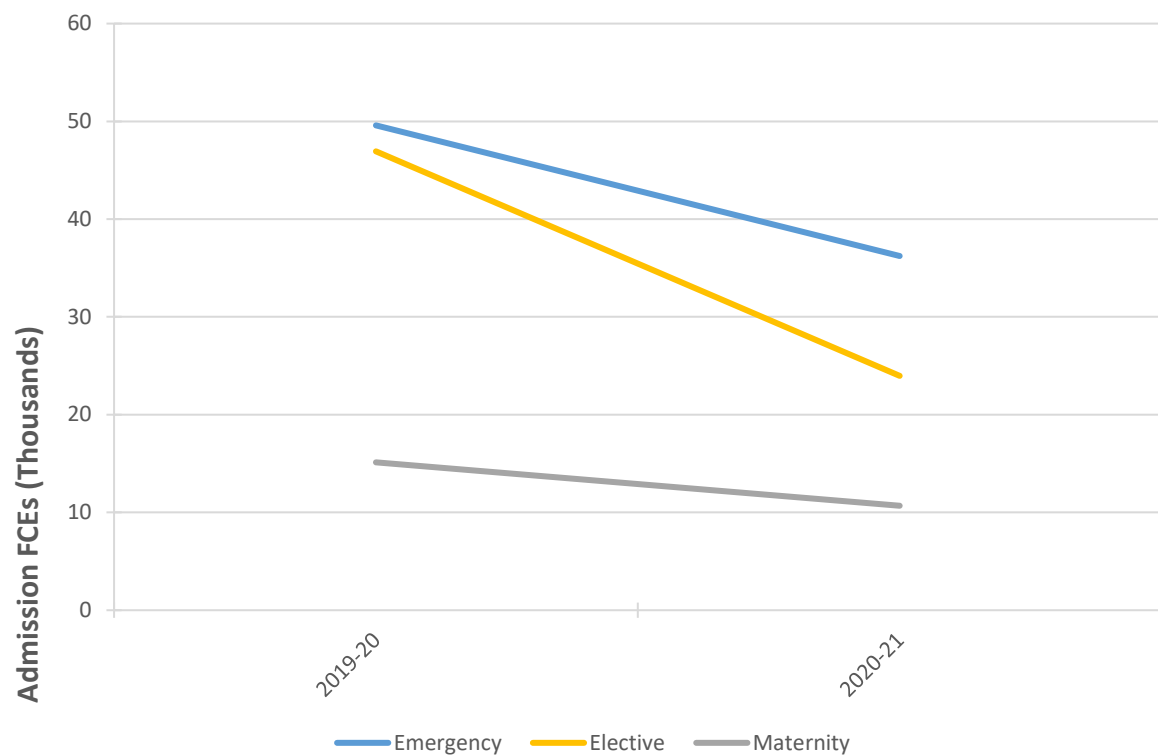


Chart 2 shows the volume of admission episodes split by admission method over time. Emergency admissions made up the majority of admissions in Swansea Bay University Health Board in 2020-21 (51%). Elective admissions dropped by 49% in the latest year. Maternity admissions were also down by 30% on the previous year.

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

Total	92,185	100.0%
Proportion of the above episodes with a procedure or intervention:	54.9%	

FCEs by Patient Classification

Inpatient FCEs	75,223	81.6%
Proportion of the above episodes with a procedure or intervention:	45.9%	
Day Case FCEs	16,962	18.4%
Proportion of the above episodes with a procedure or intervention:	95.2%	
Mothers Using Delivery Facilities Only: FCEs	-	0.0%
Patient Classification Unknown: FCEs	0	0.0%

FCEs by Patients' Age

0 - 4	3,039	3.3%
5 - 14	1,922	2.1%
15 - 24	6,928	7.5%
25 - 44	21,227	23.0%
45 - 64	19,409	21.1%
65 - 74	14,977	16.2%
75 - 84	15,388	16.7%
85 & Over	9,294	10.1%
Not known	1	0.0%

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

	FCEs	Bed days
All Specialties	75,223	5.2
All Non-Psychiatric Specialties Excluding Geriatrics	73,229	4.0
All Non-Psychiatric Specialties	73,836	4.1
All Psychiatric Specialties	1,387	59.9
Acute	61,611	4.5
Maternity	11,618	0.9
Geriatrics	607	26.1
Mental Illness	1,309	56.0
Learning Disability	78	125.1

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)	3,144	3.4%
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FCEs in Spell Breakdown

1 episode only	82.7%
2 episodes	10.4%
3 episodes	4.1%
4 or more episodes	2.7%

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

Total			70,883	100.0%
	Inpatient	Daycase		
Elective admission episodes	7,043	16,927	23,970	33.8%
Waiting List	3,129	12,791	15,920	
Booked	151	2,799	2,950	
Planned	172	1,336	1,508	
Other Elective Admissions (transfers)	3,591	1	3,592	
Emergency admission episodes			36,228	51.1%
A&E			20,124	
GP			8,321	
Other Emergency			7,783	
Other admission episodes (including maternity)			10,685	15.1%

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

Total	70,698	100.0%
Deaths in hospital (including stillbirths)	2,269	3.2%

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	7,009	19.1	36,078	6.8	10,684	1.4	53,771	7.3
All Non-Psych Spec. excl. Geriatrics	6,138	12.1	35,094	5.8	10,684	1.4	51,916	5.6
All Non-Psychiatric	6,567	13.5	35,178	5.8	10,684	1.4	52,429	5.9
All Psychiatric Specialties	442	102.8	900	45.1	0	-	1,342	64.1
Acute	6,074	12.2	35,066	5.8	406	12.4	41,546	6.8
Maternity	64	2.3	28	1.5	10,278	1.0	10,370	1.0
Geriatrics	429	32.9	84	20.1	0	-	513	30.8
Mental Illness	410	98.1	855	39.0	0	-	1,265	58.2
Learning Disability*	32	162.7	45	160.6	0	-	77	161.5

Non-Welsh Residents Treated in Swansea Bay ULHB

FCEs	475	0.5%
Admission Episodes	326	0.5%

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

Total	15,427
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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	1,008	1,008	45%	55%	1%	99%	244.8	217.0	0.6	1.0	72	2%	98%
Upper digestive tract	2,828	1,986	51%	49%	14%	79%	86.6	37.0	13.2	5.0	63	46%	54%
Heart (CABG)	156	79	81%	19%	9%	81%	174.2	142.0	19.3	15.0	68	-	-
Heart (PTCA)	1,497	758	72%	28%	60%	24%	112.9	78.0	2.5	1.0	67	95%	5%
Hip	350	334	35%	65%	82%	15%	519.1	533.0	13.2	9.0	78	100%	0%
Knee	49	45	37%	63%	13%	87%	523.7	484.0	7.5	3.0	69	100%	0%
Kidney transplant	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Diagnosis (anywhere in admitting episode)													
Sepsis	2,017	1,020	54%	46%	77%	1%	43.9	33.0	18.1	10.0	64	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*)