

Treatment specialty, 2004-05

For the 2004-05 financial year, Hospital Episode Statistics (HES) has collected more than 60 million records detailing outpatient appointments, delivered by NHS hospitals in England.

The latest HES data are available via the internet from the Freely available data section of the HESonline website [www.hesonline.nhs.uk]. For data breakdowns beyond the scope of the tables available, such as a count of appointments split by strategic health authority (SHA), please contact the HES team: Tel. 0845 300 6016, email hes.questions@ic.nhs.uk.

Please note that in order to avoid undue delay in the publication of these tables, the counts have not been adjusted to account for shortfalls in the number of records received from NHS trusts, or for missing/invalid clinical data (ie diagnosis and operation codes) – hence the label 'Ungrossed data' in each table.

You must exercise great care when comparing HES figures for different years. Fluctuations in the data can occur for a number of reasons, eg organisational changes, reviews of best practice within the medical community, the adoption of new coding schemes and data quality problems that are often year specific. These variations can lead to false assumptions about trends. We advise users of time series data to carefully explore the relevant issues before drawing any conclusions about the reasons for year-on-year changes.

Data quality

The HES database is assembled from records originally generated by the patient administration systems within more than five hundred separate NHS trusts. While the HES team liaise closely with the NHS in order to maintain data quality and consistency, it is inevitable in such a complex undertaking that a few errors will occur. Users of the data who discover apparent anomalies should feel free to contact the HES team, so that they may investigate.

Treatment specialty

Treatment specialty reflects the specialty under which the consultant with prime responsibility for the patient is *working*. The treatment specialties, recognised by the Royal Colleges and Faculties, reflect broad ranges of skills and expertise, and provide a quick summary of areas of treatment. The specialty codes consist of three numbers, and are followed by a description.

Table column definitions

This section contains descriptions of the column headers found in the free data tables that you can download from the HESonline website.

Attended First Appointment

This provides a count of those who attended their first outpatient appointment.

Attended Subsequent Appointment

This provides a count of those who attended an outpatient appointment, but it was a follow up appointment rather than their first appointment.

All (including first/subsequent unknown)

This provides a count of all outpatient attendances, including first, subsequent appointments as well as appointments where it is unknown.

Percentage of all attendances

This provides the all attendances count as a percentage of the total number of all attendances (including first/subsequent and unknown).

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	Attended		All (inc. first, subsequent and unknown)	Percentage of all attendances
	First appointment	Subsequent appointment		
Total	13,150,255	31,553,120	44,838,220	100.0000%
& Not Known	755,475	2,034,877	2,807,422	6.2612%
100 General Surgery	1,223,348	1,912,846	3,141,741	7.0068%
101 Urology	430,588	1,016,294	1,447,876	3.2291%
102 Transplantation Surgery	1,832	16,726	18,558	0.0414%
103 Breast Surgery	51,463	78,381	129,914	0.2897%
104 Colorectal Surgery	13,245	11,059	24,304	0.0542%
105 Hepatobiliary & Pancreatic Surgery	1,036	3,075	4,111	0.0092%
106 Upper Gastrointestinal Surgery	1,068	993	2,061	0.0046%
107 Vascular Surgery	25,823	33,834	59,663	0.1331%
110 Trauma & Orthopaedics	1,847,406	3,548,475	5,402,748	12.0494%
120 Ear, Nose & Throat (ENT)	896,277	1,356,814	2,255,913	5.0312%
130 Ophthalmology	1,207,101	3,277,402	4,487,348	10.0079%
140 Oral Surgery	410,880	590,411	1,001,298	2.2331%
141 Restorative Dentistry	63,629	243,970	307,599	0.6860%
142 Paediatric Dentistry	23,736	57,852	81,588	0.1820%
143 Orthodontics	81,591	579,705	661,302	1.4749%
144 Maxillo Facial Surgery	29,250	51,120	80,370	0.1792%
150 Neurosurgery	47,107	95,390	142,497	0.3178%
160 Plastic Surgery	189,181	510,984	700,524	1.5623%
161 Burns Care	2,533	8,585	11,118	0.0248%
170 Cardiothoracic Surgery	33,687	62,721	96,481	0.2152%
171 Paediatric Surgery	40,413	61,800	102,226	0.2280%
172 Cardiac Surgery	5,108	8,162	13,270	0.0296%
173 Thoracic Surgery	1,828	5,150	6,978	0.0156%
174 Cardiothoracic Transplantation	57	5,636	5,693	0.0127%
180 Accident & Emergency (A&E)	57,752	72,639	130,411	0.2908%
191 Pain Management	67,027	181,757	249,258	0.5559%
192 Critical Care Medicine	151	70	221	0.0005%
199 Non-UK Provider; specialty function not known, treatment mainly surgical	842	2,283	3,125	0.0070%
300 General Medicine	746,347	2,125,197	2,874,640	6.4111%
301 Gastroenterology	189,316	435,020	625,289	1.3945%
302 Endocrinology	54,204	238,362	292,571	0.6525%
303 Clinical Haematology	123,085	1,583,713	1,708,751	3.8109%
305 Clinical Pharmacology	2,064	21,105	23,169	0.0517%
306 Hepatology	4,493	23,470	27,963	0.0624%
307 Diabetic Medicine	22,473	125,952	148,694	0.3316%

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308 Bone & Marrow Transplantation	13	241	254	0.0006%
309 Haemophilia	909	6,094	7,003	0.0156%
310 Audiological Medicine	49,355	90,357	139,944	0.3121%
311 Clinical Genetics	10,868	6,529	17,397	0.0388%
313 Clinical Immunology & Allergy	6,724	13,253	19,977	0.0446%
314 Rehabilitation	32,661	117,806	150,467	0.3356%
315 Palliative Medicine	5,318	14,622	19,940	0.0445%
316 Clinical Immunology	910	2,686	3,598	0.0080%
317 Allergy	4,513	5,065	9,578	0.0214%
318 Intermediate Care	11	31	42	0.0001%
319 Respite Care	146	11	157	0.0004%
320 Cardiology	451,629	810,845	1,278,512	2.8514%
321 Paediatric Cardiology	6,097	15,415	21,512	0.0480%
322 Clinical Microbiology	48	217	265	0.0006%
330 Dermatology	720,615	1,390,922	2,117,548	4.7226%
340 Thoracic Medicine	125,077	361,754	488,384	1.0892%
341 Sleep Studies	1,652	3,714	5,366	0.0120%
350 Infectious Diseases	15,265	43,507	58,772	0.1311%
360 Genitourinary Medicine	15,504	26,159	41,663	0.0929%
361 Nephrology	41,170	390,357	431,532	0.9624%
370 Medical Oncology	52,779	448,258	501,373	1.1182%
400 Neurology	265,621	409,067	675,826	1.5073%
410 Rheumatology	266,241	1,009,305	1,278,127	2.8505%
420 Paediatrics	393,061	981,470	1,378,294	3.0739%
421 Paediatric Neurology	9,950	28,987	38,940	0.0868%
422 Neonatology	1,160	5,124	6,284	0.0140%
424 Well Babies	885	563	1,448	0.0032%
430 Geriatric Medicine	118,742	332,095	453,431	1.0113%
450 Dental Medicine Specialties	13,997	22,663	36,660	0.0818%
460 Medical Ophthalmology	967	3,443	4,410	0.0098%
501 Obstetrics	498,848	1,093,686	1,602,024	3.5729%
502 Gynaecology	919,045	1,277,188	2,205,781	4.9194%
503 Gynaecological Oncology	4,018	9,948	13,966	0.0311%
560 Midwife episode	60,667	75,817	136,668	0.3048%
700 Learning Disability (previously MH)	5,198	46,419	52,136	0.1163%
710 Adult Mental Illness	146,609	771,532	935,744	2.0869%
711 Child & Adolescent Psychiatry	22,008	122,368	147,247	0.3284%

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712 Forensic Psychiatry	1,463	2,854	4,573	0.0102%
713 Psychotherapy	2,913	22,039	25,368	0.0566%
715 Old Age Psychiatry	53,527	173,609	234,778	0.5236%
800 Clinical Oncology (previously Radiotherapy)	124,932	948,539	1,073,597	2.3944%
810 Radiology	37,104	39,123	84,712	0.1889%
811 Interventional Radiology	70	68	138	0.0003%
822 Chemical Pathology	10,549	47,540	58,089	0.1296%