

Treatment specialty, 2005-06

For the 2005-06 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	14,918,796	35,039,342	50,038,667	100.0000%
& Not Known	785,145	2,006,910	2,805,208	5.6061%
100 General Surgery	1,191,990	1,874,098	3,067,735	6.1307%
101 Urology	485,988	1,136,425	1,622,466	3.2424%
102 Transplantation Surgery	2,564	36,142	38,706	0.0774%
103 Breast Surgery	117,318	169,446	286,793	0.5731%
104 Colorectal Surgery	37,752	33,592	71,344	0.1426%
105 Hepatobiliary & Pancreatic Surgery	982	5,730	6,712	0.0134%
106 Upper Gastrointestinal Surgery	12,341	12,528	24,869	0.0497%
107 Vascular Surgery	61,514	78,808	140,323	0.2804%
110 Trauma & Orthopaedics	2,059,214	3,910,181	5,970,817	11.9324%
120 Ear, Nose & Throat (ENT)	1,031,965	1,502,317	2,535,546	5.0672%
130 Ophthalmology	1,361,496	3,727,888	5,092,924	10.1780%
140 Oral Surgery	428,681	613,039	1,041,723	2.0818%
141 Restorative Dentistry	64,458	262,435	326,894	0.6533%
142 Paediatric Dentistry	25,827	68,125	93,952	0.1878%
143 Orthodontics	79,909	605,697	685,651	1.3702%
144 Maxillo Facial Surgery	44,667	76,074	120,741	0.2413%
150 Neurosurgery	52,920	106,214	159,256	0.3183%
160 Plastic Surgery	203,281	569,162	772,951	1.5447%
161 Burns Care	2,406	10,579	12,985	0.0259%
170 Cardiothoracic Surgery	30,204	54,097	84,308	0.1685%
171 Paediatric Surgery	42,836	64,459	107,355	0.2145%
172 Cardiac Surgery	7,474	15,541	23,016	0.0460%
173 Thoracic Surgery	4,409	9,119	13,528	0.0270%
174 Cardiothoracic Transplantation	114	7,972	8,086	0.0162%
180 Accident & Emergency (A&E)	72,552	78,513	151,071	0.3019%
191 Pain Management	92,834	242,466	335,306	0.6701%
192 Critical Care Medicine	251	286	537	0.0011%
199 Non-UK Provider; specialty function not known, treatment mainly surgical	977	2,449	3,426	0.0068%
300 General Medicine	783,311	2,105,878	2,890,953	5.7774%
301 Gastroenterology	224,497	482,140	706,645	1.4122%
302 Endocrinology	60,819	260,937	321,772	0.6430%
303 Clinical Haematology	142,081	1,732,456	1,874,599	3.7463%

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305 Clinical Pharmacology	2,403	23,540	25,943	0.0518%
306 Hepatology	5,330	30,031	35,361	0.0707%
307 Diabetic Medicine	40,580	229,795	270,632	0.5408%
308 Bone & Marrow Transplantation	117	1,992	2,109	0.0042%
309 Haemophilia	1,222	7,737	8,959	0.0179%
310 Audiological Medicine	57,201	107,612	164,835	0.3294%
311 Clinical Genetics	12,811	8,531	21,342	0.0427%
313 Clinical Immunology & Allergy	9,366	17,024	26,392	0.0527%
314 Rehabilitation	40,276	132,958	173,238	0.3462%
315 Palliative Medicine	5,718	15,851	21,569	0.0431%
316 Clinical Immunology	1,598	5,414	7,012	0.0140%
317 Allergy	6,435	7,744	14,181	0.0283%
318 Intermediate Care	27	45	72	0.0001%
320 Cardiology	587,742	952,383	1,540,302	3.0782%
321 Paediatric Cardiology	10,768	27,923	38,696	0.0773%
322 Clinical Microbiology	95	447	542	0.0011%
330 Dermatology	786,218	1,621,067	2,409,304	4.8149%
340 Thoracic Medicine	187,681	409,779	597,509	1.1941%
341 Sleep Studies	1,823	3,821	5,644	0.0113%
350 Infectious Diseases	12,126	49,587	61,723	0.1234%
352 Tropical Medicine	4,196	1,914	6,110	0.0122%
360 Genitourinary Medicine	15,426	33,350	48,776	0.0975%
361 Nephrology	48,577	458,509	507,235	1.0137%
370 Medical Oncology	60,646	490,313	551,055	1.1013%
400 Neurology	304,397	463,712	768,135	1.5351%
410 Rheumatology	295,930	1,124,458	1,420,444	2.8387%
420 Paediatrics	460,139	1,088,843	1,549,123	3.0959%
421 Paediatric Neurology	10,836	32,520	43,378	0.0867%
422 Neonatology	3,076	7,358	10,434	0.0209%
424 Well Babies	1,111	1,782	2,893	0.0058%
430 Geriatric Medicine	135,128	355,111	490,265	0.9798%
450 Dental Medicine Specialties	15,541	33,912	49,453	0.0988%
460 Medical Ophthalmology	890	3,526	4,416	0.0088%
501 Obstetrics	610,582	1,385,348	1,996,014	3.9889%

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502 Gynaecology	1,066,531	1,492,936	2,559,807	5.1157%
503 Gynaecological Oncology	10,295	20,083	30,378	0.0607%
560 Midwife episode	97,822	144,057	242,314	0.4843%
700 Learning Disability (previously MH)	5,771	47,277	54,590	0.1091%
710 Adult Mental Illness	178,515	821,745	1,035,343	2.0691%
711 Child & Adolescent Psychiatry	27,656	138,059	171,086	0.3419%
712 Forensic Psychiatry	2,168	5,146	7,316	0.0146%
713 Psychotherapy	4,232	33,380	39,051	0.0780%
715 Old Age Psychiatry	70,366	206,256	285,892	0.5713%
800 Clinical Oncology (previously Radiotherapy)	143,108	1,031,616	1,174,733	2.3477%
810 Radiology	49,715	52,063	101,951	0.2037%
811 Interventional Radiology	3,021	3,415	6,436	0.0129%
822 Chemical Pathology	10,807	47,669	58,476	0.1169%