

Treatment specialty, 2006-07

For the 2006-07 financial year, Hospital Episode Statistics (HES) has collected more than 60 million records detailing outpatient appointments, delivered by NHS hospitals in England or performed in the Independent sector, commissioned by English NHS.

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, e.g. 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.

Detailed NHS Trust DQI Reports are available on the HESonline website [www.hesonline.nhs.uk/Ease/servlet/ContentServer?siteID=1937&categoryID=452]. The reports comprise both component and qualifier scores, including counts of the HES records and the data items examined.

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).

Treatment specialty for first, subsequent and all attendances



The NHS Information Centre, Hospital Episode Statistics for England. Outpatient statistics, 2006-07.

Please see the HESonline website (<http://www.hesonline.nhs.uk>) for information on outpatients data quality.

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NHS Hospitals, England, 2006-07

	Attended		All (inc. first / subsequent unknown)	Percentage of all attendances
	First appointment	Subsequent appointment		
Total	15,347,684	36,334,987	51,939,835	100.0000%
& Not Known	468,930	1,279,974	1,777,917	3.4230%
100 General Surgery	1,021,403	1,724,552	2,753,988	5.3023%
101 Urology	483,834	1,157,585	1,645,693	3.1685%
102 Transplantation Surgery	4,412	61,513	65,925	0.1269%
103 Breast Surgery	174,642	260,969	437,885	0.8431%
104 Colorectal Surgery	74,970	85,421	161,770	0.3115%
105 Hepatobiliary & Pancreatic Surgery	2,117	6,088	8,768	0.0169%
106 Upper Gastrointestinal Surgery	17,178	18,768	36,009	0.0693%
107 Vascular Surgery	97,505	120,739	219,145	0.4219%
110 Trauma & Orthopaedics	2,088,703	3,971,061	6,083,245	11.7121%
120 Ear, Nose & Throat (ENT)	1,044,153	1,510,176	2,567,357	4.9429%
130 Ophthalmology	1,414,157	3,777,258	5,219,978	10.0500%
140 Oral Surgery	456,881	586,036	1,047,530	2.0168%
141 Restorative Dentistry	71,245	292,695	363,941	0.7007%
142 Paediatric Dentistry	27,632	66,864	94,496	0.1819%
143 Orthodontics	80,320	604,408	686,159	1.3211%
144 Maxillo Facial Surgery	66,046	97,757	163,807	0.3154%
150 Neurosurgery	56,250	111,071	168,152	0.3237%
160 Plastic Surgery	198,495	592,402	792,407	1.5256%
161 Burns Care	3,625	16,360	19,985	0.0385%
170 Cardiothoracic Surgery	27,819	44,117	72,437	0.1395%
171 Paediatric Surgery	43,929	64,860	109,165	0.2102%
172 Cardiac Surgery	10,842	20,853	31,695	0.0610%
173 Thoracic Surgery	6,395	13,704	20,158	0.0388%
174 Cardiothoracic Transplantation	218	7,570	7,788	0.0150%

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180 Accident & Emergency (A&E)	94,197	76,630	171,438	0.3301%
190 Anaesthetics	47,566	113,319	161,011	0.3100%
191 Pain Management	107,804	296,020	404,951	0.7797%
192 Critical Care Medicine	605	1,286	1,891	0.0036%
199 Non-UK Provider; specialty function not known, treatment mainly surgical	2,978	2,001	4,979	0.0096%
211 Paediatric Urology	827	2,525	3,352	0.0065%
214 Paediatric Trauma and Orthopaedics	8,061	14,582	22,643	0.0436%
215 Paediatric Ear Nose and Throat	4,621	7,781	12,402	0.0239%
216 Paediatric Ophthalmology	2,008	5,190	7,198	0.0139%
218 Paediatric Neurosurgery	294	911	1,205	0.0023%
219 Paediatric Plastic Surgery	866	2,597	3,463	0.0067%
220 Paediatric Burns Care	41	29	70	0.0001%
221 Paediatric Cardiac Surgery	34	10	44	0.0001%
241 Paediatric Pain Management	1	0	1	0.0000%
242 Paediatric Intensive Care	1	3	4	0.0000%
251 Paediatric Gastroenterology	2,067	7,049	9,116	0.0176%
252 Paediatric Endocrinology	1,082	5,764	6,846	0.0132%
253 Paediatric Clinical Haematology	4,875	5,520	10,395	0.0200%
254 Paediatric Audiological Medicine	1,703	1,898	3,601	0.0069%
255 Paediatric Clinical Immunology and Allergy	1,768	2,478	4,246	0.0082%
256 Paediatric Infectious Diseases	211	1,520	1,731	0.0033%
257 Paediatric Dermatology	2,773	4,616	7,389	0.0142%
258 Paediatric Respiratory Medicine	2,057	8,688	10,745	0.0207%
259 Paediatric Nephrology	342	2,559	2,901	0.0056%
260 Paediatric Medical Oncology	232	4,536	4,768	0.0092%
261 Paediatric Metabolic Disease	171	772	943	0.0018%
262 Paediatric Rheumatology	477	1,242	1,719	0.0033%
280 Paediatric Interventional Radiology	0	1	1	0.0000%
290 Community Paediatrics	898	2,056	2,954	0.0057%
291 Paediatric Neuro-disability	220	637	857	0.0016%
300 General Medicine	650,766	1,702,860	2,357,394	4.5387%
301 Gastroenterology	238,154	525,779	768,374	1.4794%
302 Endocrinology	65,194	281,216	347,926	0.6699%
303 Clinical Haematology	138,334	1,413,319	1,560,471	3.0044%

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305 Clinical Pharmacology	2,543	38,783	41,346	0.0796%
306 Hepatology	9,610	57,043	66,656	0.1283%
307 Diabetic Medicine	66,703	386,611	457,231	0.8803%
308 Bone & Marrow Transplantation	50	4,268	4,318	0.0083%
309 Haemophilia	3,342	34,384	37,726	0.0726%
310 Audiological Medicine	72,556	145,237	217,966	0.4197%
311 Clinical Genetics	16,444	8,095	24,539	0.0472%
313 Clinical Immunology & Allergy	11,210	20,804	32,028	0.0617%
314 Rehabilitation	58,972	176,619	235,614	0.4536%
315 Palliative Medicine	6,551	20,451	27,030	0.0520%
316 Clinical Immunology	2,585	7,328	9,913	0.0191%
317 Allergy	12,224	13,466	25,690	0.0495%
318 Intermediate Care	1,695	2,355	4,050	0.0078%
320 Cardiology	694,334	1,065,390	1,762,571	3.3935%
321 Paediatric Cardiology	15,605	39,550	55,179	0.1062%
322 Clinical Microbiology	87	311	398	0.0008%
323 Spinal Injuries	461	5,917	6,378	0.0123%
324 Anticoagulant Service	30,840	406,330	437,173	0.8417%
330 Dermatology	752,234	1,702,288	2,464,297	4.7445%
340 Respiratory Medicine (Thoracic Medicine)	235,001	513,051	751,231	1.4463%
341 Sleep Studies	6,015	13,740	19,775	0.0381%
350 Infectious Diseases	11,809	60,121	71,951	0.1385%
352 Tropical Medicine	4,916	1,918	6,834	0.0132%
360 Genitourinary Medicine	44,024	56,645	100,669	0.1938%
361 Nephrology	68,050	522,064	590,777	1.1374%
370 Medical Oncology	64,954	517,073	582,909	1.1223%
400 Neurology	331,209	475,525	810,837	1.5611%
410 Rheumatology	292,842	1,177,061	1,473,423	2.8368%
420 Paediatrics	477,187	1,068,834	1,549,409	2.9831%
421 Paediatric Neurology	12,014	31,174	43,433	0.0836%
422 Neonatology	4,601	11,129	15,731	0.0303%
424 Well Babies	1,844	2,203	4,047	0.0078%
430 Geriatric Medicine	149,175	355,424	506,668	0.9755%
450 Dental Medicine Specialties	16,384	33,190	49,574	0.0954%
460 Medical Ophthalmology	1,245	5,210	6,457	0.0124%

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499 Non-UK Provider; specialty function not known, treatment mainly medical	90	484	574	0.0011%
501 Obstetrics	713,254	1,633,583	2,353,545	4.5313%
502 Gynaecology	1,076,360	1,477,230	2,562,822	4.9342%
503 Gynaecological Oncology	21,954	40,558	62,515	0.1204%
560 Midwife episode	130,450	238,275	368,873	0.7102%
650 Physiotherapy	109,815	282,936	392,753	0.7562%
651 Occupational Therapy	5,541	9,507	15,048	0.0290%
652 Speech and Language Therapy	513	1,789	2,302	0.0044%
653 Podiatry	9,268	106,908	116,176	0.2237%
654 Dietetics	17,131	30,251	47,383	0.0912%
655 Orthoptics	14,105	49,149	63,254	0.1218%
656 Clinical Psychology	742	3,225	3,968	0.0076%
700 Learning Disability (previously MH)	4,838	46,212	52,798	0.1017%
710 Adult Mental Illness	161,269	832,542	1,033,757	1.9903%
711 Child & Adolescent Psychiatry	27,013	157,951	190,725	0.3672%
712 Forensic Psychiatry	2,116	4,900	7,076	0.0136%
713 Psychotherapy	5,237	41,254	46,945	0.0904%
715 Old Age Psychiatry	69,401	236,021	321,985	0.6199%
720 Eating Disorders	6	79	85	0.0002%
721 Addiction Services	382	20,964	21,346	0.0411%
722 Liaison Psychiatry	91	341	432	0.0008%
800 Clinical Oncology (previously Radiotherapy)	148,036	1,088,755	1,237,090	2.3818%
811 Interventional Radiology	13,488	8,951	22,452	0.0432%
822 Chemical Pathology	14,339	55,335	69,674	0.1341%