

Provisional Monthly Patient Reported Outcome Measures (PROMs) in England – April 2010 to March 2011 and April to December 2011. Post-operative Data: Data Quality Note

The data quality note will be updated in the event of issues arising post-publication. A summary of changes made will appear in the table below. For the most recent version of this data quality note, please refer to [HESonline](http://www.hesonline.nhs.uk) [http://www.hesonline.nhs.uk].

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Please note this data is provisional and subject to changes and revisions each month. It should be treated as an estimate until the final annual publication.

PROMs publication

This is the latest publication of provisional post-operatives scores from the Patient Reported Outcome Measures (PROMs) programme for the period April 2010 to March 2011 and April to December 2011. This publication considers the change in patients' self-reported health status for the four common elective surgical procedures in the PROMs programme: groin hernia surgery, hip replacement, knee replacement and varicose vein surgery. Analysis covers the period from April 2010 to the end of March 2011 and the period from April to December 2011, and includes pre-operative questionnaires that all English providers treating NHS patients have been asked to collect from patients who wish to participate and post-operative questionnaires returned by patients following their surgery. Not all patients undergoing the relevant operations returned questionnaires for a variety of reasons.

Data quality considerations

A full list of data quality considerations including coverage, missing values, ambiguous values and demographics is contained within the PROMs guide, which is available to download from [HESonline](http://www.hesonline.nhs.uk) [www.hesonline.nhs.uk].

Data completeness

Monthly provisional data may be incomplete or contain errors which have not been investigated or adjusted yet. **The number of eligible episodes and questionnaires received may change for previous months due to updated clinical coding and delayed submission of questionnaires.** In general, counts from the monthly provisional data are likely to be lower than those generated for the same period in the final annual dataset. The tables in Annex 1 display the most recent counts.

As part of the continued verification of questionnaires, it is possible for questionnaires to be identified as ineligible. Ineligible questionnaires are those which should not have been administered. This may be because the recipient of the questionnaire is not due to have/has had a procedure, or that they have previously completed a questionnaire. These questionnaires have therefore not been included within any counts and any responses from these questionnaires have not been included within any analysis. As such, a decrease in the number of pre-operative questionnaires may be seen in some months.

Known provider issues in HES: coverage issues

PROMs data is linked to HES inpatient data. HES inpatient data in the PROMs dataset is cumulative and includes all provisional linked episodes from 2010-11 and provisional linked episodes from 2011-12. The HES 2010–11 Month 14 Inpatient Data Quality Note noted that the following organisations have been identified as having shortfalls/missing data or specific data quality issues with their HES inpatient data. Their data should be interpreted with caution.

Organisations with HES inpatient shortfalls/missing data in the HES 2010–11 Month 14 Inpatient Data Quality Note

Organisation name	Organisation code	Months affected	Approx. total number of records missing
Bournemouth and Pool Teaching PCT	5QN	Feb	40
Cambridgeshire and Peterborough NHS Foundation Trust	RT1	Feb	300
Central Lancashire PCT	5NG	Mar	30
Devon Partnership NHS Trust	RWV	Dec - Mar	200
Dorset PCT	5QM	Feb	100
East Riding of Yorkshire PCT	5NW	Apr - Oct	620
Hampshire PCT	5QC	Mar	800
Heart of Birmingham Teaching PCT	5MX	Dec - Mar	80
Norfolk PCT	5PQ	Nov - Feb	1,800
North East London NHS Treatment Centre	NTP15	Apr	500
Northamptonshire Teaching PCT	5PD	Apr - Feb	1,700
Oxfordshire and Buckinghamshire Mental Health NHS Foundation Trust	RNU	Dec - Feb	600
Peninsula NHS Treatment Centre	NTC05	Apr-Aug	1,200
Rotherham PCT	5H8	Oct - Feb	600
Southampton NHS Treatment Centre	NTP11	Apr - Aug	1,200

The HES 2011–12 Month 10 Inpatient Data Quality Note noted that the following organisations have been identified as having shortfalls/missing data or specific data quality issues with their HES inpatient data. Their data should be interpreted with caution.

Organisations with HES inpatient shortfalls/missing data in the HES 2011–12 Month 10 Inpatient Data Quality Note

Organisation name	Organisation code	Months affected	Approx. total number of records missing
Birmingham and Solihull Mental Health NHS Foundation Trust	RXT	Oct - Dec	600
BMI South Cheshire Private Hospital (Spire)	NT340	Jun - Dec	210
BMI Southend Private Hospital	NT490	Apr - Jul	240
Liverpool Women's NHS Foundation Trust	REP	Oct	2,000
Mid Kent NHS Treatment Centre	NTP14	Nov - Dec	1,200
Nuffield Health, Brentwood Hospital	NT204	Apr - Jun	60
Nuffield Health, Cambridge Hospital	NT209	Apr - Jun	75
Nuffield Health, Haywards Heath Hospital	NT218	Apr - Jun	30
Nuffield Health, Leeds Hospital	NT225	Apr - Jun	900
Nuffield Health, Newcastle-Upon-Tyne Hospital	NT229	Apr - Jun	60
Nuffield Health, North Staffordshire Hospital	NT230	Apr - Jun	600
Nuffield Health, The Grosvenor Hospital, Chester	NT210	Apr - Jun	120
Nuffield Hospital Oxford (The Manor)	NT244	Apr - Jun	45
Pain Management Solutions (Oaks Park)	NY601	Apr	60
Spire Cheshire Hospital	NT324	Apr - May	70
The Cheshire & Merseyside NHS Treatment Centre	NTD02	May - Dec	2,800

Annex A - Data completeness tables

Eligible HES episodes												
Period	Jan-11	Feb-11	Mar-11	Apr-11	May-11	Jun-11	Jul-11	Aug-11	Sep-11	Oct-11	Nov-11	Dec-11
Jan 10 - Jun 11	18,772	19,930	22,872	16,880	19,886	21,620	-	-	-	-	-	-
Jan 10 - Jul 11	18,772	19,930	22,888	17,011	19,910	21,741	19,682	-	-	-	-	-
Jan 10 - Aug 11	18,772	19,931	22,890	17,014	19,916	21,760	19,782	19,720	-	-	-	-
Jan 10 - Sep 11	18,772	19,932	22,890	17,019	19,920	21,765	19,813	19,880	21,476	-	-	-
Jan 10 - Oct 11	18,772	19,932	22,891	17,019	19,918	21,767	19,822	19,898	21,505	20,719	-	-
Jan 10 - Nov 11	18,772	19,933	22,892	17,049	19,944	21,791	19,847	19,931	21,554	20,968	22,525	-
Jan 10 - Dec 11	18,772	19,933	22,893	17,048	19,944	21,794	19,850	19,937	21,558	21,002	22,610	17,548

Pre-operative questionnaires												
Period	Jan-11	Feb-11	Mar-11	Apr-11	May-11	Jun-11	Jul-11	Aug-11	Sep-11	Oct-11	Nov-11	Dec-11
Jan 10 - Jun 11	14,169	13,752	15,388	11,989	14,467	15,176	-	-	-	-	-	-
Jan 10 - Jul 11	14,174	13,756	15,395	12,008	14,522	15,378	14,203	-	-	-	-	-
Jan 10 - Aug 11	14,169	13,765	15,405	12,019	14,529	15,417	14,270	13,198	-	-	-	-
Jan 10 - Sep 11	14,170	13,758	15,398	12,020	14,523	15,436	14,283	13,687	12,052	-	-	-
Jan 10 - Oct 11	14,189	13,761	15,82	12,022	14,524	15,440	14,304	14,547	15,201	15,480	-	-
Jan 10 - Nov 11	14,225	13,781	15,396	12,014	14,530	15,475	14,338	14,629	15,527	16,172	16,907	-
Jan 10 - Dec 11	14,239	13,785	15,395	12,009	14,508	15,469	14,355	14,671	15,547	16,207	17,102	11,535

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Questionnaires linked to episodes ¹												
Period	Jan-11	Feb-11	Mar-11	Apr-11	May-11	Jun-11	Jul-11	Aug-11	Sep-11	Oct-11	Nov-11	Dec-11
Jan 10 - Jun 11	10,769	10,630	11,932	8,861	10,263	9,543	-	-	-	-	-	-
Jan 10 - Jul 11	10,772	10,632	11,965	9,171	10,976	11,174	8,951	-	-	-	-	-
Jan 10 - Aug 11	10,773	10,641	11,972	9,193	11,267	11,893	10,359	8,359	-	-	-	-
Jan 10 - Sep 11	10,770	10,637	11,981	9,193	11,280	12,254	11,081	9,967	7,507	-	-	-
Jan 10 - Oct 11	10,780	10,636	11,963	9,189	11,276	12,269	11,402	11,191	10,737	9,646	-	-
Jan 10 - Nov 11	10,787	10,647	11,984	9,187	11,280	12,288	11,432	11,558	11,665	11,493	10,072	-
Jan 10 - Dec 11	10,787	10,649	11,983	9,184	11,271	12,279	11,445	11,590	11,965	12,201	11,849	6,830

Post-operative questionnaires returned ²												
Period	Jan-11	Feb-11	Mar-11	Apr-11	May-11	Jun-11	Jul-11	Aug-11	Sep-11	Oct-11	Nov-11	Dec-11
Jan 10 - Jun 11	7,871	6,035	3,386	1,665	1,496	364	-	-	-	-	-	-
Jan 10 - Jul 11	8,861	7,856	7,031	2,611	2,093	1,424	276	-	-	-	-	-
Jan 10 - Aug 11	9,860	8,571	8,579	4,653	2,767	2,100	1,385	251	-	-	-	-
Jan 10 - Sep 11	10,232	9,297	9,384	5,917	5,079	2,592	1,678	703	2	-	-	-
Jan 10 - Oct 11	10,683	10,191	10,899	7,529	8,215	6,983	3,067	1,701	1,356	384	-	-
Jan 10 - Nov 11	10,847	10,500	11,597	8,498	9,394	8,996	6,175	2,809	2,052	1,461	426	-
Jan 10 - Dec 11	10,873	10,535	11,775	8,853	10,329	10,069	8,142	6,050	2,935	2,081	1,364	177

¹ These figures are based on questionnaires linked to HES episodes using an algorithm that compares a number of different combinations of patient identifiers. This methodology may be revised or enhanced for future publications. The counts are based upon the pre-operative questionnaire completion date.

² The counts are based upon the pre-operative questionnaire completion date.