



Data Provision Notice

Care Hours Per Patient Day (CHPPD)

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Background

The data, as specified by NHS England in this published Data Provision Notice, is required to support a mandatory request under section 255 of the Act from the Secretary of State to NHS England. Therefore, organisations that are in scope of the notice are legally required, under section 259(5) of the Act, to provide the data in the form and manner specified below.

Purpose

The purpose of the CHPPD and Nurse Staffing Fill Rate (NStf_Fil) collection is to monitor at a ward level the extent to which rota hours are being filled by registered nurses and midwives and unregistered care staff; and to monitor care hours per patient day.

The key purpose of the collection is to obtain re-assurance that wards are being safely staffed and to support organisations with benchmarking of their staffing and identify areas of potential unwarranted variation.

Fill rate data is published to the [NHS Choices website](#).

Benefits

The benefits of this collection are to:

- help to provide re-assurance to the public (via NHS Choices) that wards are being safely staffed,
- enable comparison of peer trusts and departments to help improve ways of working and identify areas of potential unwarranted variation.

Legal basis for collection, analysis, publication and dissemination

NHS England has been directed by the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care under section 254 of the Health and Social Care Act 2012; to establish and operate a system for the migration and continued operation for the collection and analysis of the information specified for this service. A copy of the Direction is published here:

<https://digital.nhs.uk/about-nhs-digital/corporate-information-and-documents/directions-anddata-provision-notices/secretary-of-state-directions/the-migration-and-continued-operationof-the-unify2-collections-through-the-strategic-data-collections-service-direction-2017>

This information is required by NHS England under section 259(1)(a) of the Health and Social Care Act 2012.

In line with section 259(5) of the Act, all organisations in scope, in England, must comply with the requirement and provide information to NHS England in the form, manner and period specified in this Data Provision Notice.

This Notice is issued in accordance with the procedure published as part of NHS England duty under section 259(8).

Persons consulted

Following receipt of a direction to establish and operate a system for the migration and continued operation to collect Data Provision Notice template for section 255 mandatory request, NHS England has, as required under section 258 of the Health and Social Care Act 2012, consulted with the following persons:

- NHS England - the organisation that issued the original direction (under the commencement order).
- Department for Health and Social Care – the organisation from which the current Direction was issued to NHS England.
- Data providers - consulted regarding the use of the Strategic Data Collections Service (SDCS) platform.

NHS England has also consulted providers regarding changes to the Unify platform as part of on-going work with NHS England.

Scope of the collection

Under section 259(1)(a) of the Health and Social Care Act 2012, this Notice is served in accordance with the procedure published as part of the NHS England duty under section 259(8) on the following persons:

- All NHS Trusts providing inpatient services.

Under section 259(5) of the Health and Social Care Act 2012 the organisation types specified in the above Scope must comply with the Form, Manner and Period requirements below:

Form of the collection

No patient level information is included in this collection. Data is collected at a ward level, and includes:

- Hospital site name,
- Ward name,
- Ward specialty (top 2),
- Split by day/night and registered/unregistered,
- Total monthly planned staff hours,
- Total monthly actual staff hours,
- Acute trusts only,
- Cumulative count over the month of patients at 23:59 each day.
- Calculation of care hours per patient day for the month – total number of actual staff hours divided by cumulative count of patients at 23:59

The required data items are published here: <https://digital.nhs.uk/about-nhs-digital/corporateinformation-and-documents/directions-and-data-provision-notice/secretary-of-statedirections/the-migration-and-continued-operation-of-the-unify2-collections-through-the-strategic-data-collections-service-direction-2017>

Manner of the collection

This data will now be collected via the NHS England web-based system, Strategic Data Collection Service (SDCS), instead of Unify 2.

The pro forma template should be completed by the submitting organisation and uploaded to NHS England via the SDCS online data collection platform.

Further information is available here: <https://digital.nhs.uk/data-and-information/datacollections-and-data-sets/data-collections/strategic-data-collection-service-sdcs>

Period of the collection

This is a monthly ongoing collection that commenced in 2014. Data is collected monthly, with submissions required by 12pm on 11th working day of the month following the one in question. Data is published at the end of the second week of the following month.

Burden of the collection

Steps taken by NHS England to minimise the burden of collection

In seeking to minimise the burden it imposes on others, in line with sections 253 (2a) and 265(3) of the Health and Social Care Act 2012, NHS England has an assessment process to validate and challenge the level of burden incurred through introducing new information standards, collections and extractions.

This assurance is carried out by the Data Standards and Assurance Service (DSAS) which assures burden assessment evidence provided as part of the overarching Data Coordination Board (DCB) process. The DCB, acting under authority of the Secretary of State, oversees the assurance and approval of information standards, data collections and data extractions for the health and social care system in England.

The assessments are ongoing for all former Unify2 collections that are moving onto the SDCS platform and will be published in the next version of this data provision notice.

Assessed costs

The associated burden of the data collection is:

Burden on providers	£3,997,610.0	Year 2 and ongoing annual costs
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Detailed burden assessment findings

Based on the previous release (Amd 33/2019), the estimated ongoing burden is £3,997,610.0 per year. It should be noted that this burden assessment was carried out using an older methodology. A burden assessment was not completed for the latest release (Amd 72/2023) as only minor changes were made to the collection, removing subcategories introduced in 2020 in response to the COVID pandemic. With the latest release, the collection has reverted to its 2019 pre-covid specification.