

Data Provision Notice

KH03: Quarterly Bed Availability and Occupancy

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Background

The Health and Social Care Act 2012 (the Act) gives NHS England statutory powers, under section 259(1)(a), to require data from health or social care bodies, or organisations that provide publicly funded health or adult social care in England, where it has been directed to establish an information system by the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care.

The data, as specified by NHS England in this published Data Provision Notice, is required to support a direction from the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care 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 KH03 is a quarterly collection from all NHS organisations that operate beds, open overnight or day only. It collects:

- 1) the total number of available bed days
- 2) the total number of occupied bed days by consultant main specialty.

This collection is the primary source of information for briefing on numbers of beds and occupancy by sector.

Benefits

This collection enables continued knowledge through official statistics by all stakeholders, of the availability and utilisation of a key NHS asset, the number of consultant-led beds.

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 collection and analysis of the information specified for this service. The direction and accompanying requirements specification are published on the NHS England website:

<https://digital.nhs.uk/about-nhs-digital/corporate-information-and-documents/directions-and-data-provision-notice/secretary-of-state-directions/the-migration-and-continued-operation-of-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 an 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 KH03: Quarterly Bed Availability and Occupancy, 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.

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:

- NHS Trusts with consultant-led beds (inpatient and/or day case) in any of the following specialties: General & Acute, Mental Illness, Learning Disabilities and Maternity.

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

Form of the collection

The data is aggregate, at Hospital provider-specialty level. It collects availability and occupancy by consultant main speciality (General & Acute, Learning Disabilities, Maternity and Mental Illness), including bed days in wards open overnight and bed days in wards open day only.

The KH03 is an Official Statistics collection.

The figures are published quarterly with a Statistics Press Notice. The data, SPN and guidance are available at: <https://www.england.nhs.uk/statistics/statistical-work-areas/bedavailability-and-occupancy/>

The link to the Data dictionary change request can be found at: <http://webarchive.nationalarchives.gov.uk/+http://www.isb.nhs.uk/documents/isb-1576-kh03bed-availability-and-occupancy/amd-08-2011/index.html>

Manner of the collection

This data will now be collected via the NHS DEngland 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 quarterly ongoing collection.

Information about the collection including a submission timetable is published on the NHS England website here: <https://digital.nhs.uk/data-and-information/data-collections-and-data-sets/data-collections/kho3-quarterly-bed-availability-and-occupancy>

Data quality

Data quality validations are built into the Excel submission template to ensure consistency and accuracy of the submitted data

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 Alliance and Partnerships Board (DAPB) process. The DAPB, 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.