

# Data Provision Notice

## Venous Thromboembolism (VTE) Risk Assessment

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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 purpose of this data collection is to quantify the numbers and proportion of acute hospital patient admissions aged 16 and over who are being risk assessed for Venous Thromboembolism (VTE) within 14 hours of decision to admit<sup>1</sup>, to allow for the administering of appropriate prophylaxis based on National Institute for Health and Clinical Excellence (NICE) guideline NG89.

This data collection commenced in June 2010 and is mandatory.

## Benefits

This collection ensures that every patient aged 16 and over has a documented VTE risk assessment within 14 hours of decision to admit<sup>1</sup>, and that this risk assessment is conducted in accordance with clinical risk assessment criteria that reflect NICE guideline NG89. This collection enables performance in risk assessment to be reported and monitored nationally.

## 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. For more details visit <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>

The VTE Risk Assessment Data Collection is in the NHS Standard Contract

<https://www.england.nhs.uk/nhs-standard-contract/>.

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

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<sup>1</sup> From 1 July 2026 (Q2 26/27), the collection will require risk assessments on acute hospital patient admissions within 14 hours of decision to admit, in line with the September 2025 update to NICE guidelines:

<https://www.nice.org.uk/guidance/ng89>.

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

During the pandemic, the previously collected VTE Risk Assessment Data Collection was paused. To reinstate the process required an assurance review. NHS England has, as required under section 258 of the Health and Social Care Act 2012, consulted with the following persons:

- Members of the National Patient Safety Committee
- NHS England Quality Committee
- Department for Health and Social Care
- Data providers - surveyed regarding the ability to provide the requested data items

## 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 Digital duty under section 259(8) on the following persons:

- All providers of NHS funded acute hospital care (including foundation trusts and independent sector providers of acute NHS 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 requirements below:

## Form of the collection

No patient level information is included in this collection.

This data collection asks for the following information:

1. number of acute hospital patient admissions (aged 16 and over at the time of admission) in the month who have been risk assessed for VTE within 14 hours of decision to admit<sup>1</sup> using the criteria in the NICE guideline NG89. See VTE Risk Assessment Data Collection guidance for further details.
2. total number of acute hospital patient admissions (aged 16 and over at the time of admission) in the month.

The percentage of acute hospital patient admissions (aged 16 and over at the time of admission) in the month who have been risk assessed for VTE within 14 hours of decision to admit<sup>1</sup> is automatically calculated from items (1) and (2).

This data collection is a census of patients in scope. This means that it is not appropriate to use sampling or audits to produce estimates. Submissions calculated via these means will be excluded from the national figures.

## Manner of the collection

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

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

## Data quality

Data Validations are built into the Excel submission template for standardisation across all providers and the form goes through further validation checks after it is submitted.

## Period of the collection

The data is collected quarterly.

## Technical guidance

Information regarding the NHS Standard Contract can be found here:

<https://www.england.nhs.uk/nhs-standard-contract/>

Materials to support the submission of the data can be found here: <https://digital.nhs.uk/data-and-information/data-collections-and-data-sets/data-collections/venous-thromboembolism-vte-risk-assessment-collection>

## Publications

The VTE risk assessment data is published here:

<https://www.england.nhs.uk/statistics/statistical-work-areas/vte/>

## Burden of the collection

### Steps taken by NHS England to minimise the burden of collection

NHS England has a statutory duty under section 253(2) of the Act to seek to minimise the burden it imposes on others. In seeking to meet these obligations in relation to this collection, NHS England has:

- Surveyed submitting organisations to assess financial burden and available resource to enable submission of the requested data.

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In addition, in support of its obligation under 265(3) of the Act, NHS England has an assessment process to validate and challenge the level of burden incurred through introducing new information standards, collections and extractions.

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