

Progress with the Second Edition of the Unofficial Guide to Official Health Statistics

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Despite a slow start the guide is now well under way with contributions received from seventeen people to date and another eight promised by the end of September. A big thank-you to all concerned, even if you have not delivered yet.

The aim is to have a first draft ready by Christmas and then hold a seminar for all contributors so that the general issues identified can be drawn together to form a conclusion. In the mean time I am writing an overview of DoH and OPCS publications related to health . I thought it might be a good idea to spice this up with some comments from "consumers" i.e. yourselves, about the difficulties they have found in using these publications. For example, one immediate problem is that there appears to be no correspondence between the title on the publications list and the title on the front cover of the document. In the envelope you received this newsletter you should find a list of DoH publications and I look forward to receiving your comments on them as your contribution to the guide.

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Please give us your views on Department of Health publications you use.

The following pages contain a list of DH publications relating to NHS and Local Authorities. If you have used any of these publications in the last year, we would be grateful for your comments, both about any difficulties you have experienced and, if you feel moved to do so, any good points. We hope that your comments will provide useful background to commentaries about these publications in the guide. For reasons of space, the public health common datasets, Health of the Nation publications and the full Körner dataset have been excluded. If time permits we may undertake a similar exercise for these and OPCS publications at a later date (or perhaps even a proper survey!!)

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Please note that the publications have been grouped by subject. Where possible the title used is the title on the publication which unfortunately is not always the same as the title on the publication list !!! I have given the year but if you want to comment on a previous years' publication in a series please feel free to do so.

General

1. Health and Personal Social Service Statistics (Annual)

NHS

General

2. Quarterly Review of the NHS

Staffing

3. Hospital, Public Health Medicine and Community Health Service Medical and Dental staff in England 1983-1993 (Statistical Bulletin)

4. NHS Hospital and Community Health Services Non-medical Staff in England 1982 (Statistical Bulletin)
5. NHS Workforce in England 1982-1992

Facilities and Activity

6. NHS hospital activity Statistics: England (Statistical Bulletin)
7. Summary of bed availability 1993-94
8. NHS Day Care facilities 1993-94
9. Out patients and ward attenders 1993-94
10. Ordinary admissions and day case admissions 1993-94

Diagnostic and Therapy Services

11. Diagnostic departments 1993-94
12. Wheelchairs and Artificial limbs 1993-94
13. Chiropody Services 1993-94 Summary of information from KT23
14. Clinical Psychology Services 1993-94 Summary of information from KT24
15. Dietetic services 1993-94 Summary of information from KT25
16. Occupational therapy services 1993-94 Summary of information from KT26
17. Physiotherapy services 1993-94 Summary of information from KT27
18. Speech therapy services 1993-94 Summary of information from KT31

Private facilities

19. Private hospital, homes and clinics registered under section 23 of the Registered homes act 1984. 1993-94

Primary Care and Community Services

20. Statistics for General Medical Practitioner in England & Wales (Statistical Bulletin)
21. Statistics of Prescriptions dispensed in FHSA in England (Statistical Bulletin)
22. General Pharmaceutical Services in England 1993-94 (Statistical Bulletin)
23. Community Pharmacies in England and Wales 31 March 1994 (Statistical Bulletin)
24. Ophthalmic Services Statistics in England (Statistical Bulletin)
25. NHS Spectacle Voucher Scheme: Results of 1993 survey
26. Community Maternity Services 1993-94 Summary of information from KC54
27. Family Planning Clinic Services 1993-94 Summary of information from KT31
28. Professional advice and support programmes in the community (other than maternity) 1993-94 Summary of information from KC55

29. Patient Care in the Community: District Nurses 1993-94 Summary of information from KC56
30. Patient Care in the Community: Community Psychiatric Nursing 1993-94 Summary of information from KC57
31. Patient Care in the Community: Community Mental Handicap Nursing 1993-94 Summary of information from KC58
32. Patient Care in the Community: Specialist Care Nursing 1993-94 Summary of information from KC59
33. Patient transport services (Statistical Bulletin)

Patients Charter

34. Written complaints or on behalf of patients 1993-94 (Internal reference only)
35. Elective admission and patients waiting :England at 30 September 1993 (Statistical Bulletin)
36. Waiting times for first outpatient appointments (Statistical Bulletin)
37. The patients charter hospital and ambulance services comparative performance guide (annual)

Mental Illness

38. In patients formally detained in hospital under the mental health act 1983 and other legislation (1987-88 and 1992-93) (Statistical Bulletin)
39. In-patients formally detained in hospitals under the Mental Health Act 1983 and other legislation
40. Regional Figures 1990-91 and 1992-93
41. Electroconvulsive therapy Year ending March 31 1991

Health Promotion

42. Drug misuse Statistics (Statistical Bulletin)
43. Addicts Index Booklet: Data from the addicts index
44. Sexually Transmitted Diseases England 1994 New cases seen at NHS GUM clinics (Statistical Bulletin)
45. Statistics on smoking : England 1974 -1993 (Statistical Bulletin)
46. Immunisation Programme 1993-94 Summary of information from KC50 and KC51
47. Cytology Screening 1993-94 Summary of information from KC61
48. Cervical Cancer Screening programme 1993-94 Summary of information from KC53
49. Breast Cancer Screening 1993-94 Summary of information from KC62

Local Authority Social Services

Staffing and activity

50. Staff of local authority Social Services Department at 30 Sept
51. Key indicators of Local authority Social Services Department

52. Personal social Services: Day and domiciliary Services for adults.
(Statistical Bulletin)

Residential care

53. Personal Social Services: Residential Accommodation in England 1993.
(Statistical Bulletin).

54. Residential accommodation for the elderly and for people with physical and sensory impairment. All residents in LA, Voluntary and Private Registered Homes RA/2

55. Residential Accommodation for elderly people and people with physical and /or sensory disabilities. Local authority supported residents . RA/1

56. Residential Accommodation for people with mental illness and people with learning disabilities - Local authority supported residents. A/F 11B

57. Residential Accommodation All client groups Admission to local authority, voluntary and private homes

Children

58. Children's day care facilities at March 31 1994 - England A/F 94/6

59. Children in Care/ Children looked after by local authorities 14 Oct to 31 March 1993 England A/F 94/12

60. Children and Young person on child protection register Year ending 31 March 94 England A/F 94/13

61. Private fostering and place of safety orders March 31st. England A/F 91/15

62. Supervision orders Year ending March 31 1994 A/F 94/16

63. Children accommodated in secure units 31 March 1994 England A/F 94/21

64. Annual report under Section 83(6) of the children Act on children in care in England and Wales

People with disabilities

65. Registers of blind and partially sighted Year ending March 31 England A/F 94/7

66. Registers of physically disabled (General Classes) at March 31st 1993

67. Registers of the deaf and hard of hearing at March 31st 1992

68. Annual statement under Section 18(3) of the chronically Sick and Disabled persons Act 1970 on handicapped persons in residential care in England and Wales

69. Annual Statement under Section 17 (2) of the Chronically Sick and Disabled Persons Act 1970: Separation of younger patients from older patients in hospitals

70. Report under Section 11 of the Disabled Persons Act 1986 on the development of services for people with learning disabilities. March 1994