

Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002

Environmental Information (Scotland) Regulations 2004

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Cc Kathleen Carolan
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Question/s to be answered

For each week since the start of 2019:

1. The number of in-patients boarded in non-inpatient areas and the average (mean and median) and maximum length of time spent there by individual patients.

We do not board inpatients in non-patient areas

2. The percentage and number of patients boarded in beds in specialities other than the one by which they are being treated.

Please see data below. Our patient management system does not hold numbers of patients boarding at any particular date or date range, rather it records when a patient starts to board and when they stop boarding. The data in the table is therefore the number of patients who start boarding in any particular week. Given that the average and median periods of boarding are as low as they are we hope that this will be close enough to your requirements. Secondly, we are not sure how to calculate a percentage, because the total number of patients will vary through each particular week. In the table below therefore, for each particular week we provide a) the number of patients who began to board (even if their boarding period completed in that same day) b) the number of patients who were admitted during that week to wards which are associated with specialties (our Medical, Surgical and Maternity wards, but excluding our day wards and covid ward as these wards cannot by definition involve boarding patients as they do not have specialties) and c) these two expressed as a percentage.

If possible could I please have the data broken down by hospital within the health board?

NHS Shetland has a single hospital; Gilbert Bain Hospital.

Patients boarding split by week

Week	Admissions	NewBoarders	Percent
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2019-01	35	2	5.7
2019-02	49	4	8.2
2019-03	36	0	0.0
2019-04	50	3	6.0
2019-05	39	3	7.7
2019-06	45	4	8.9
2019-07	40	3	7.5
2019-08	48	6	12.5
2019-09	40	7	17.5
2019-10	38	8	21.1
2019-11	45	9	20.0
2019-12	39	4	10.3
2019-13	40	1	2.5
2019-14	44	1	2.3

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2019-15	49	3	6.1
2019-16	43	3	7.0
2019-17	42	4	9.5
2019-18	65	2	3.1
2019-19	40	0	0.0
2019-20	38	0	0.0
2019-21	50	0	0.0
2019-22	48	1	2.1
2019-23	43	0	0.0
2019-24	58	4	6.9
2019-25	40	4	10.0
2019-26	52	4	7.7
2019-27	48	0	0.0
2019-28	40	0	0.0

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2019-29	44	2	4.5
2019-30	45	4	8.9
2019-31	47	9	19.1
2019-32	43	4	9.3
2019-33	48	3	6.3
2019-34	52	5	9.6
2019-35	54	2	3.7
2019-36	36	2	5.6
2019-37	53	4	7.5
2019-38	61	7	11.5
2019-39	49	2	4.1
2019-40	37	3	8.1
2019-41	61	4	6.6
2019-42	44	0	0.0

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2019-43	47	0	0.0
2019-44	46	1	2.2
2019-45	41	0	0.0
2019-46	43	0	0.0
2019-47	40	1	2.5
2019-48	39	5	12.8
2019-49	36	4	11.1
2019-50	46	1	2.2
2019-51	45	3	6.7
2019-52	38	2	5.3
2019-53	10	0	0.0
2020-01	19	0	0.0
2020-02	38	0	0.0
2020-03	37	3	8.1

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2020-04	57	2	3.5
2020-05	36	2	5.6
2020-06	57	8	14.0
2020-07	47	11	23.4
2020-08	50	1	2.0
2020-09	44	1	2.3
2020-10	57	5	8.8
2020-11	50	7	14.0
2020-12	38	11	28.9
2020-13	23	6	26.1
2020-14	26	9	34.6
2020-15	26	6	23.1
2020-16	30	6	20.0
2020-17	31	10	32.3

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2020-18	29	7	24.1
2020-19	28	13	46.4
2020-20	23	5	21.7
2020-21	33	9	27.3
2020-22	31	11	35.5
2020-23	23	7	30.4
2020-24	39	12	30.8
2020-25	26	12	46.2
2020-26	43	10	23.3
2020-27	42	9	21.4
2020-28	26	5	19.2
2020-29	31	8	25.8
2020-30	41	7	17.1
2020-31	43	14	32.6

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2020-32	33	8	24.2
2020-33	43	6	14.0
2020-34	50	12	24.0
2020-35	46	15	32.6
2020-36	42	9	21.4
2020-37	46	12	26.1
2020-38	51	15	29.4
2020-39	32	7	21.9
2020-40	39	9	23.1
2020-41	30	8	26.7
2020-42	34	9	26.5
2020-43	37	10	27.0
2020-44	43	15	34.9
2020-45	40	10	25.0

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2020-46	49	18	36.7
2020-47	53	7	13.2
2020-48	42	4	9.5
2020-49	32	0	0.0
2020-50	39	2	5.1
2020-51	52	10	19.2
2020-52	24	0	0.0
2020-53	24	0	0.0
2021-01	8	0	0.0
2021-02	41	4	9.8
2021-03	38	1	2.6
2021-04	49	10	20.4
2021-05	30	2	6.7
2021-06	50	4	8.0

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2021-07	29	0	0.0
2021-08	52	10	19.2
2021-09	45	2	4.4
2021-10	38	8	21.1
2021-11	31	1	3.2
2021-12	32	2	6.3
2021-13	50	6	12.0
2021-14	52	4	7.7
2021-15	37	5	13.5
2021-16	32	2	6.3
2021-17	42	3	7.1
2021-18	37	3	8.1
2021-19	40	1	2.5
2021-20	41	5	12.2

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2021-23	36	1	2.8
2021-24	43	0	0.0
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2021-37	33	3	9.1
2021-38	38	6	15.8
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2021-40	39	1	2.6
2021-41	37	2	5.4
2021-42	38	2	5.3
2021-43	56	5	8.9
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2021-50	52	11	21.2
2021-51	52	9	17.3
2021-52	36	3	8.3
2021-53	37	3	8.1
2022-01	6	0	0.0
2022-02	36	0	0.0
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2022-04	38	1	2.6
2022-05	29	2	6.9
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2022-12	31	0	0.0
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2022-15	50	1	2.0
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2022-32	56	4	7.1
2022-33	31	3	9.7
2022-34	50	7	14.0
2022-35	34	1	2.9
2022-36	47	0	0.0
2022-37	49	2	4.1

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2022-40	48	0	0.0
2022-41	39	2	5.1
2022-42	44	1	2.3
2022-43	32	0	0.0

Patient boarding split by duration of board. Average = 3.8 days and median = 2 days

DaysBoarded	NumberOfPatients
0	169
1	214
2	142
3	60
4	46
5	38

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6	34
7	27
8	12
9	18
10	7
11	12
12	7
13	6
14	3
15	8
16	7
17	5
18	4
19	6
20	3
21	1
22	2
24	1
25	1
26	3
28	1

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29	1
30	1
31	1
34	1
35	1
36	1
41	1
47	1
49	1
Grand Total	846