



# Hospital Statistics: Annual Mental Health and Learning Disability Tables 2023/24



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## Mental Illness Inpatients Resident

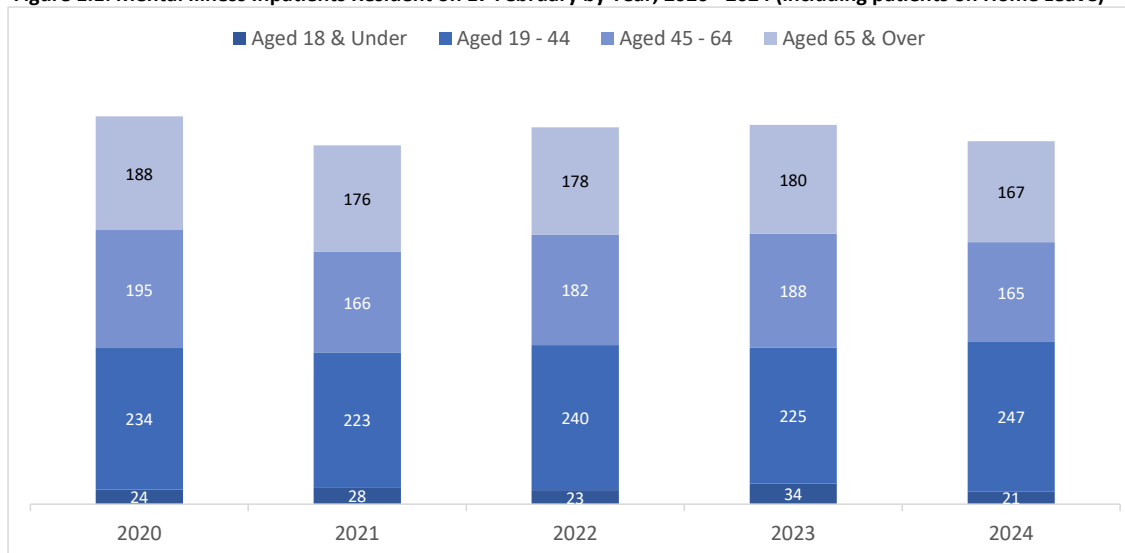
Information on the number of mental illness patients resident in hospital, or on home leave, on 17 February each year is sourced from the annual Mental Illness & Learning Disability (MILD) Census. It is a count of all mental illness and learning disability patients who are resident in hospital or on home leave at the time of the Census, and is collected from each hospital on the basis of age and length of stay.

**Table 1.1: Mental Illness Inpatients Resident on 17 February by Year, 2020 - 2024 (including patients on Home Leave)**

Age in Years	2020		2021		2022		2023		2024		Change from 2020 to 2024	
Aged 18 & Under	24	3.7%	28	4.7%	23	3.7%	34	5.4%	21	3.5%	-3	-12.5%
Aged 19 - 44	234	36.5%	223	37.6%	240	38.5%	225	35.9%	247	41.2%	13	5.6%
Aged 45 - 64	195	30.4%	166	28.0%	182	29.2%	188	30.0%	165	27.5%	-30	-15.4%
Aged 65 & Over	188	29.3%	176	29.7%	178	28.6%	180	28.7%	167	27.8%	-21	-11.2%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>641</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>593</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>623</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>627</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>600</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>-41</b>	<b>-6.4%</b>

Source: Mental Illness and Learning Disability Census

**Figure 1.1: Mental Illness Inpatients Resident on 17 February by Year, 2020 - 2024 (including patients on Home Leave)**



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Information on the number of mental illness patients resident in hospital, or on home leave, on 17 February each year is sourced from the annual Mental Illness & Learning Disability (MILD) Census. It is a count of all mental illness and learning disability patients who are resident in hospital or on home leave at the time of the Census, and is collected from each hospital on the basis of age and length of stay.

**Table 1.2: Mental Illness Inpatients Resident on 17 February 2024 (including patients on Home Leave)**

Length of Stay	Age in Years									TOTAL
	0-15	16-18	19-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65-74	75+	
0-6 months	2	11	36	89	76	66	59	62	65	466
7-12 months	1	3	4	9	7	4	14	13	11	66
1-2 years	1	3	2	10	5	5	5	7	3	41
2-3 years	-	-	2	-	1	1	1	1	1	7
3-5 years	-	-	1	2	-	2	-	3	-	8
5-10 years	-	-	-	-	3	3	2	1	-	9
10-20 years	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	2
20-30 years	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0
>30 years	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	1
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>110</b>	<b>92</b>	<b>82</b>	<b>83</b>	<b>87</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>600</b>

Total number of inpatients on home leave (included in above total):

25

Source: Mental Illness and Learning Disability Census

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**Table 1.3: Mental Illness Inpatients Resident on 17 February 2024 by Bed Type**

Health & Social Care Trust	Acute	Psychiatric Intensive Care Unit	Functional Mental Illness	Continuing Care	Addictions	Dementia	Regional Secure Unit	Other <sup>1</sup>	Total
Belfast	96	9	0	16	0	10	27	0	<b>158</b>
Northern	94	6	0	6	5	18	0	0	<b>129</b>
South Eastern	87	8	0	0	5	26	0	0	<b>126</b>
Southern	52	9	0	0	0	13	0	6	<b>80</b>
Western	61	5	16	0	7	18	0	0	<b>107</b>
<b>Northern Ireland</b>	<b>390</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>85</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>600</b>

**Total number of inpatients on home leave (included in above total):**

<b>25</b>
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Source: Mental Illness and Learning Disability Census

<sup>1</sup> Other category includes: Brain Injury and Other

## Mental Illness Compulsory Admissions Under the Mental Health (NI) Order 1986

Information on the number of compulsory admissions under the Mental Health Order (1986) is based on the KH15/KH15b information return, received on a quarterly basis from each Health & Social Care Trust in Northern Ireland. This return collects information on all patients admitted during the quarter who were detained at point of admission under the Mental Health (NI) Order 1986. Patients admitted to Hospital on a 'Voluntary' basis are not included in the KH15/KH15b information in Tables 1.4 and 1.5.

It is also important to note that a patient under the care of a consultant in a psychiatric specialty is only included under one mental category. Therefore, where a patient has been assigned to more than one specialty, the mental illness specialty takes precedence over any other. As a consequence inpatients admitted under the learning disability POC may be included in this table.

**Table 1.4: Mental Illness Compulsory Admissions Under the Mental Health (NI) Order 1986 by Sex and Year (2019/20 - 2023/24)**

Sex	2019/20		2020/21		2021/22		2022/23		2023/24		Change from 2019/20 to 2023/24	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Male	538	53.1%	524	49.3%	502	47.4%	512	48.2%	486	48.7%	-52	-9.7%
Female	476	46.9%	541	50.7%	556	52.6%	551	51.8%	512	51.3%	36	7.6%
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,014</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>1,065</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>1,058</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>1,063</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>998</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>-16</b>	<b>-1.6%</b>

Source: KH15

**Table 1.5: Compulsory Admissions Under the Mental Health (NI) Order 1986 by Age Group (2023/24)**

Age Group	No.	%
Under 18	28	2.8%
18 - 44	467	46.8%
45 - 64	258	25.9%
65 - 74	119	11.9%
75+	126	12.6%
<b>Total</b>	<b>998</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

Source: KH15b

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It is also important to note that a patient under the care of a consultant in a psychiatric speciality is only included under one mental category. Therefore, where a patient has an illness speciality takes precedence over any other. As a consequence inpatients admitted under the learning disability POC may be included in this table.

**Table 1.6: Mental Illness Compulsory Admissions Under the Mental Health (NI) Order 1986 By Sex and Hospital/Health & Social Care Trust (2023/24)**

Hospital/HSC Trust	Males	Females	All
Acute Mental Health Inpatient Unit <sup>1</sup>	86	122	208
Beechcroft CAMHS	7	18	25
Knockbracken Healthcare Park <sup>1</sup>	11	2	13
<b>Belfast HSC Trust</b>	<b>104</b>	<b>142</b>	<b>246</b>
Causeway	16	20	36
Holywell	91	61	152
<b>Northern HSC Trust</b>	<b>107</b>	<b>81</b>	<b>188</b>
Downshire	58	33	91
Lagan Valley PNU	33	47	80
Ulster MHU	22	29	51
<b>South Eastern HSC Trust</b>	<b>113</b>	<b>109</b>	<b>222</b>
Bluestone	70	73	143
<b>Southern HSC Trust</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>73</b>	<b>143</b>
Grangewood	18	37	55
Tyrone & Fermanagh	69	66	135
Waterside	5	4	9
<b>Western HSC Trust</b>	<b>92</b>	<b>107</b>	<b>199</b>
<b>Northern Ireland</b>	<b>486</b>	<b>512</b>	<b>998</b>

<sup>1</sup> Three wards from Mater Infirmorum and two wards from Knockbracken Healthcare Park transferred to Acute Mental Health Inpatient Unit when it opened in June 2019. Mental health wards still exist at Knockbracken Healthcare park but none remain at Mater Infirmorum.

Source: KH15



## Learning Disability Inpatients Resident

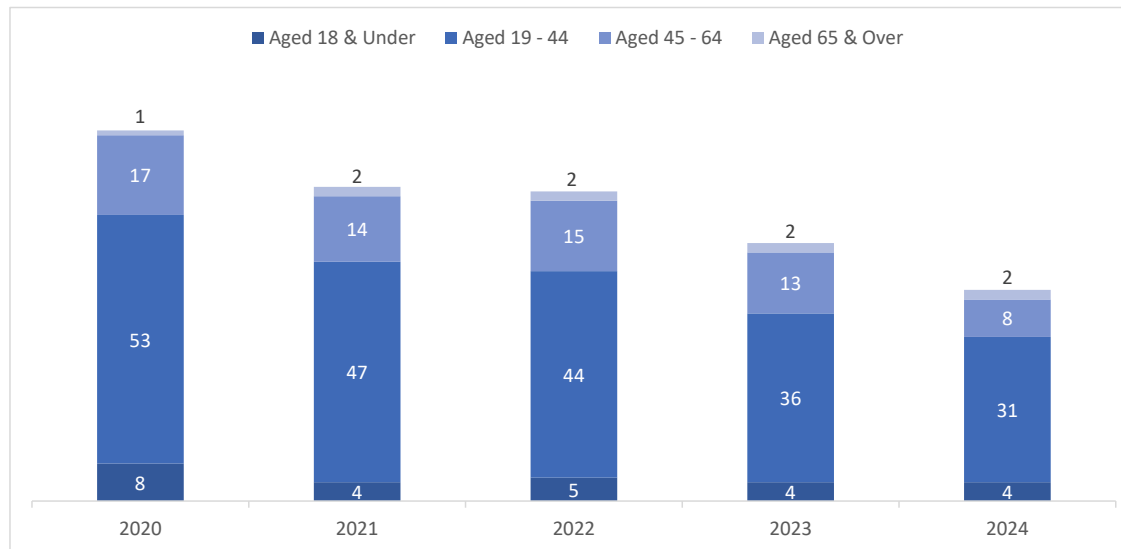
The Mental Illness & Learning Disability (MILD) Census is carried out annually, and is a count of all mental illness and learning disability patients who are resident in hospital or on home leave at the time of the Census. Information is collected from each hospital on the basis of age and length of stay. The Census is a snapshot of the resident population on 17 February each year.

**Table 2.1: Learning Disability Inpatients Resident on 17 February by Year, 2020 to 2024 (including patients on Home Leave)**

Age in Years	2020		2021		2022		2023		2024		Change from 2020 to 2024	
Aged 18 & Under	8	10.1%	4	6.0%	5	7.6%	4	7.3%	4	8.9%	-4	-50.0%
Aged 19 - 44	53	67.1%	47	70.1%	44	66.7%	36	65.5%	31	68.9%	-22	-41.5%
Aged 45 - 64	17	21.5%	14	20.9%	15	22.7%	13	23.6%	8	17.8%	-9	-52.9%
Aged 65 & Over	1	1.3%	2	3.0%	2	3.0%	2	3.6%	2	4.4%	1	100.0%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>79</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>67</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>66</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>-34</b>	<b>-43.0%</b>

Source: Mental Illness and Learning Disability Census

**Figure 2.1: Learning Disability Inpatients Resident on 17 February by Year, 2020 - 2024 (including patients on Home Leave)**



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The Mental Illness & Learning Disability (MILD) Census is carried out annually, and is a count of all mental illness and learning disability patients who are resident in hospital or on home leave at the time of the Census. Information is collected from each hospital on the basis of age and length of stay. The Census is a snapshot of the resident population on 17 February each year.

**Table 2.2: Learning Disability Inpatients Resident on 17 February 2024 (including patients on Home Leave)**

Length of Stay	Age in Years									All Ages
	0-15	16-18	19-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65-74	75+	
0-6 months	-	1	1	3	1	1	-	-	-	7
7-12 months	2	-	-	5	-	-	-	-	-	7
1-2 years	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
2-3 years	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	2
3-5 years	-	-	2	-	1	2	-	-	-	5
5-10 years	-	-	-	7	2	1	-	-	-	10
10-20 years	-	-	-	3	3	-	-	-	-	6
20-30 years			-	-	1	1	-	1	-	3
>30 years				-	-	1	2	-	1	4
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>45</b>

**Total number of inpatients on home leave (included in above total):**

**4**

Source: Mental Illness and Learning Disability Census

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**Table 2.3: Learning Disability Inpatients Resident on 17 February 2024 by Bed Type (including patients on Home Leave)**

Hospital (Trust)	Assessment & Treatment	Psychiatric Intensive Care Unit	Longstay / Primary Targeting List Resettlement	Childrens	Continuing Care	Forensic	Other	Total
Muckamore & Iveagh Centre (Belfast HSC Trust) <sup>1</sup>	-	-	5	3	-	8	15	31
Dorsy Unit (Southern HSC Trust)	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	4
Lakeview (Western HSC Trust)	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
Holywell (Northern HSC Trust)	-	-	-	-	-	-	4	4
<b>Northern Ireland</b>	<b>10</b>	-	<b>5</b>	<b>3</b>	-	<b>8</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>45</b>

**Total number of inpatients on home leave (included in above total):**

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<sup>1</sup>Adult patients are admitted to Muckamore, children and young people to Iveagh Centre

Source: Mental Illness and Learning Disability Census

## Learning Disability Compulsory Admissions Under the Mental Health (NI) Order 1986

Information on the number of compulsory admissions under the Mental Health Order (1986) is based on the KH15/KH15b information return, received on a quarterly basis from each Health & Social Care Trust in Northern Ireland. This return collects information on all patients admitted during the quarter who were detained at point of admission under the Mental Health (NI) Order 1986. Patients admitted to Hospital on a 'Voluntary' basis are not included in the KH15/KH15b information in Tables 2.4 and 2.5.

It is also important to note that a patient under the care of a consultant in a psychiatric specialty is only included under one mental category. Therefore, where a patient has been assigned to more than one specialty, the mental illness specialty takes precedence over any other.

**Table 2.4: Learning Disability Compulsory Admissions Under the Mental Health (NI) Order 1986 by Sex and Year (2019/20 - 2023/24)**

Sex	2019/20		2020/21		2021/22		2022/23		2023/24		Change from 2019/20 to 2023/24	
Male	5	62.5%	1	25.0%	9	69.2%	6	40.0%	5	55.6%	0	0.0%
Female	3	37.5%	3	75.0%	4	30.8%	9	60.0%	4	44.4%	1	33.3%
<b>Total</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>12.5%</b>

Source: KH15

**Table 2.5: Learning Disability Compulsory Admissions Under the Mental Health (NI) Order 1986 by Age Group (2023/24)**

Age Group	No.	%
Under 18	6	66.7%
18-44	1	11.1%
45-64	2	22.2%
Aged 65 & Over	0	0.0%
<b>Total</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

Source: KH15b

**Total Number of Detentions Under the Mental Health Order (NI) 1986, including those Detained on Admission and those who became Detained after Admission**

Information on number of compulsory admissions (detained on admission) under the Mental Health Order (1986) detailed in the table below is sourced from the quarterly KH15/KH15b information returns, whilst information on the number of patients admitted on a 'Voluntary' basis, who became detained after admission is sourced from the quarterly KH16 information return. Those 'Detained after Admission' are classified as patients who were admitted on a 'Voluntary' basis but later became detained under the Mental Health (NI) Order 1986, as a result of a change in their legal status.

It is important to note that the information below refers to admissions and not patients, where a patient may be included more than once during the year. Readers should note that a patient under the care of a consultant in a psychiatric specialty is only included under one mental category. Therefore, where a patient has been assigned to more than one specialty, the mental illness specialty takes precedence over any other. As a consequence inpatients admitted under the learning disability POC may be included in this table.

**Table 3.1: Total Detentions (Detained on Admission and Detained After Admission) under the Mental Health Order (NI) 1986 (2019/20 - 2023/24)**

Hospital / HSC Trust	2019/20			2020/21			2021/22			2022/23			2023/24		
	On Admission	After Admission	Total Detentions	On Admission	After Admission	Total Detentions	On Admission	After Admission	Total Detentions	On Admission	After Admission	Total Detentions	On Admission	After Admission	Total Detentions
Acute MH Inpatient Centre	121	46	167	161	103	264	166	98	264	244	68	312	208	53	261
Beechcroft	20	7	27	33	14	47	32	2	34	22	9	31	25	13	38
Knockbraken	43	17	60	20	6	26	21	5	26	21	3	24	13	4	17
Mater	32	28	60	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Muckamore	8	14	22	0	7	7	0	14	14	0	8	8	0	7	7
<b>Belfast HSC Trust</b>	<b>224</b>	<b>112</b>	<b>336</b>	<b>214</b>	<b>130</b>	<b>344</b>	<b>219</b>	<b>119</b>	<b>338</b>	<b>287</b>	<b>88</b>	<b>375</b>	<b>246</b>	<b>77</b>	<b>323</b>
Causeway	35	52	87	30	29	59	30	53	83	25	48	73	36	47	83
Holywell	235	356	591	212	203	415	181	286	467	136	233	369	152	208	360
<b>Northern HSC Trust</b>	<b>270</b>	<b>408</b>	<b>678</b>	<b>242</b>	<b>232</b>	<b>474</b>	<b>211</b>	<b>339</b>	<b>550</b>	<b>161</b>	<b>281</b>	<b>442</b>	<b>188</b>	<b>255</b>	<b>443</b>
Downshire	97	40	137	102	23	125	95	33	128	102	22	124	91	18	109
Lagan Valley	81	31	112	106	39	145	90	39	129	87	41	128	80	11	91
Ulster Mental Inpatient Unit	32	23	55	48	23	71	46	22	68	38	18	56	51	15	66
<b>South Eastern HSC Trust</b>	<b>210</b>	<b>94</b>	<b>304</b>	<b>256</b>	<b>85</b>	<b>341</b>	<b>231</b>	<b>94</b>	<b>325</b>	<b>227</b>	<b>81</b>	<b>308</b>	<b>222</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>266</b>
Bluestone	127	118	245	151	117	268	160	102	262	139	97	236	143	61	204
St Lukes	17	6	23	23	4	27	26	5	31	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Southern HSC Trust</b>	<b>144</b>	<b>124</b>	<b>268</b>	<b>174</b>	<b>121</b>	<b>295</b>	<b>186</b>	<b>107</b>	<b>293</b>	<b>139</b>	<b>97</b>	<b>236</b>	<b>143</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>204</b>
Grangewood	66	15	81	55	39	94	77	98	175	89	115	204	55	112	167
Lakeview	0	7	7	0	2	2	0	4	4	0	7	7	0	5	5
Tyrone & Fermanagh	88	20	108	105	42	147	116	54	170	140	55	195	135	58	193
Waterside	12	0	12	19	2	21	18	6	24	20	8	28	9	8	17
<b>Western HSC Trust</b>	<b>166</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>208</b>	<b>179</b>	<b>85</b>	<b>264</b>	<b>211</b>	<b>162</b>	<b>373</b>	<b>249</b>	<b>185</b>	<b>434</b>	<b>199</b>	<b>183</b>	<b>382</b>
<b>Northern Ireland</b>	<b>1,014</b>	<b>780</b>	<b>1,794</b>	<b>1,065</b>	<b>653</b>	<b>1,718</b>	<b>1,058</b>	<b>821</b>	<b>1,879</b>	<b>1,063</b>	<b>732</b>	<b>1,795</b>	<b>998</b>	<b>620</b>	<b>1,618</b>

Source: KH15 and KH16

### Number of Electro-Convulsive Treatments (ECT) Administered and the Number of Patients receiving ECT

Information on (i) the number of patients receiving Electro-Convulsive Therapy (ECT) and (ii) the number of ECT treatments administered each year is sourced from each Health & Social Care (HSC) Trust in the quarterly KH17 information return.

It is important to note that prior to 2021/22, patients receiving ECT in different quarters, may be counted more than once during a financial year. However for 2021/22 onwards information refers to the number of patients receiving ECT during the year, as any duplicates have been removed.

**Table 3.2: Electro-Convulsive Treatments by Year (2019/20 - 2023/24)**

Hospital / HSC Trust	2019/20		2020/21		2021/22		2022/23		2023/24	
	ECT Treatments Administered	Patients Receiving ECT	ECT Treatments Administered	Patients Receiving ECT	ECT Treatments Administered	Patients Receiving ECT	ECT Treatments Administered	Patients Receiving ECT	ECT Treatments Administered	Patients Receiving ECT
Acute Mental Health Inpatient Centre	0	0	0	0	0	0	288	44	233	30
Beechcroft	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Knockbraken	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Mater	151	33	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Belfast Trust Total</b>	<b>151</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>288</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>233</b>	<b>30</b>
Causeway	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Holywell	386	40	181	24	320	36	245	30	352	57
<b>Northern Trust Total</b>	<b>386</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>181</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>320</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>245</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>352</b>	<b>57</b>
Downshire	162	32	170	26	160	26	123	19	164	24
Lagan Valley	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Ulster	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>South Eastern Trust Total</b>	<b>162</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>170</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>160</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>123</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>164</b>	<b>24</b>
Bluestone	244	39	178	28	292	45	122	23	179	27
<b>Southern Trust Total</b>	<b>244</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>178</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>292</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>122</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>179</b>	<b>27</b>
Grangewood	110	19	115	19	78	11	89	15	119	18
Tyrone & Fermanagh	126	21	33	8	6	3	78	16	77	10
<b>Western Trust Total</b>	<b>236</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>148</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>84</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>167</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>196</b>	<b>28</b>
<b>Northern Ireland Total</b>	<b>1,179</b>	<b>184</b>	<b>677</b>	<b>105</b>	<b>856</b>	<b>121</b>	<b>945</b>	<b>147</b>	<b>1,124</b>	<b>166</b>

Source: KH17

## Appendix 1: Guidance

### General Guidance on using the data

The data contained in this publication details an annual analysis of:

- (i) Census of patients who were being treated as an inpatient within the mental health and learning disability POCs on 17 February 2024.
- (ii) Compulsory admissions within the mental health and learning disability POCs under the Mental Health (NI) Order 1986

### a. Mental Health and Learning Disability Census

#### Description of the data

Data refers to the number of mental health and learning disability patients resident in hospital or on home leave on 17 February each year.

Data is collected separately for mental health and learning disability patients and is presented by hospital, age of the patient and their length of stay at the time of the census.

Data is recorded separately on the number of inpatients on home leave; although, these are recorded in the overall total number of inpatients. Home leave refers to all inpatients who were not actually resident in the hospital at the time of the survey, but who were absent on pass, home on trial, having special treatment, boarded out or absent without leave.

#### Data provider

Data relating to the number of mental health and learning disability patients resident in hospital is sourced directly from HSC Trusts using the aggregate MILD Census Departmental information return.

#### Data quality assessment

Data is of 'Very Good' quality and is derived from a range of administrative systems (PAS, MAXIMS, EPEX, PARIS and Encompass). Data providers have been issued with in-depth guidance providing instructions for recording, collection and submission of data, available from the link below.

<https://www.health-ni.gov.uk/publications/mental-illnesslearning-disability-mild-census-return>

In addition, across all data regardless of source, variance checks are employed as an integral part of the production process, with large discrepancies between the current year and the previous year being queried with the data provider.

#### Guidance on using data

Resident Population – this is the number of mental health and / or learning disability patients who were resident in hospital on 17 February each year.

This information is useful in determining the number of mental health and learning disability patients in hospital. This data provides a useful insight into the number of patients being treated / cared for in an inpatient setting.

Length of Stay – This is the length of time which the patient has been resident in the mental health / learning disability hospital. This data is useful in determining the long stay population, i.e. those patients who have been in hospital for a year or more.

### b. Compulsory Admissions under the Mental Health (NI) Order 1986

#### Description of the data

Data refers to the number of patients admitted to hospital who were detained at admission each year, whether or not they had been subsequently discharged.

All data is presented by the hospital on admission and gender of the patient, and then aggregated up to HSC Trust and Northern Ireland.

#### Data provider

Data relating to the number of compulsory admissions under the Mental Health (NI) Order 1986 is sourced directly from HSC Trusts using the aggregate KH15 and KH15b Departmental information returns.

#### Data quality assessment

Data is of 'Very Good' quality and is derived from a range of administrative systems (PAS, MAXIMS, EPEX, PARIS and Encompass). Data providers have been issued with in-depth guidance providing instructions for recording, collection and submission of data, available from the link below.

<https://www.health-ni.gov.uk/publications/admissions-under-mental-health-ni-order-1986-legal-status-kh15kh15b>

In addition, across all data regardless of source, variance checks are employed as an integral part of the production process, with large discrepancies between the current year and the previous year being queried with the data provider.

#### Guidance on using data

Compulsory admissions – this refers to mental health and learning disability patients who have been formally detained under the Mental Health (NI) Order 1986. Figures detail the number of compulsory admissions and not patients, as a patient may be detained more than once. It also does **not** include those admitted to hospital voluntarily.

This information is useful in determining the number of people being detained each year, by gender, under the Mental Health (NI) Order 1986. Where possible, information is presented for the last few years to provide a useful insight into the demand for compulsory admissions.

### **c. Patients Detained After Admission under the Mental Health (NI) Order 1986**

#### **Description of the data**

Data refers to the number of patients admitted to hospital on a 'Voluntary' basis, who became detained after admission each year, whether or not they had been subsequently discharged.

All data is presented by the hospital on admission, and then aggregated up to HSC Trust and Northern Ireland.

#### **Data provider**

Data relating to the number of patients admitted on a 'Voluntary' basis who became detained under the Mental Health (NI) Order 1986 after admission, is sourced directly from HSC Trusts using the aggregate KH16 Departmental information returns.

#### **Data quality assessment**

Data is of 'Very Good' quality and is derived from a range of administrative systems (PAS, ELCID, MAXIMS, EPEX, PARIS, and Encompass). Data providers have been issued with in-depth guidance providing instructions for recording, collection and submission of data, available from the link below.

<https://www.health-ni.gov.uk/publications/changes-legal-status-patients-kh16>

In addition, across all data regardless of source, variance checks are employed as an integral part of the production process, with large discrepancies between the current year and the previous year being queried with the data provider.

#### **Guidance on using data**

Detained After Admission – this refers to mental health and learning disability patients who were admitted to hospital on a 'Voluntary' basis but who became formally detained under the Mental Health (NI) Order 1986 after admission.

This information is useful in determining the number of people being admitted to hospital on a 'Voluntary' basis each year, who subsequently became detained after admission, under the Mental Health (NI) Order 1986.

### **d. Electro-Convulsive Therapy Treatments Administered and Patients Receiving Electro-Convulsive Therapy Treatment**

#### **Description of the data**

Data refers to (i) the number of electro-convulsive therapy treatments administered during each year, and (ii) the number of patients receiving ECT during each year.

All data is presented by the hospital providing the treatment, and then aggregated up to HSC Trust and Northern Ireland.

#### **Data provider**

Data relating to the number of patients receiving ECT and the number of ECT treatments administered a, is sourced directly from HSC Trusts using the aggregate KH17 Departmental information returns.

#### **Data quality assessment**

Data is of 'Very Good' quality and is derived from a range of administrative systems (PAS, MAXIMS, EPEX, PARIS and Encompass). Data providers have been issued with in-depth guidance providing instructions for recording, collection and submission of data, available from the link below.

<https://www.health-ni.gov.uk/publications/electro-convulsive-therapy-treatments-administered-kh17>

It is important to note that data on patients receiving ECT prior to 2021/22 may include a patient more than once if they received ECT in more than one quarter. Data for 2021/22 onwards has been de-duplicated for each quarter and should not include a patient more than once during a financial year.

In addition, across all data regardless of source, variance checks are employed as an integral part of the production process, with large discrepancies between the current year and the previous year being queried with the data provider.



## Appendix 2: Mental Health / Learning Disability Specialties in each Hospital during 2023/24

Hospital/HSC Trust	Specialities
<b>Belfast HSC Trust<sup>1</sup></b>	
Acute Mental Health Inpatient Unit	Mental Illness
Beechcroft CAMHS	Child & Adolescent Psychiatry
Iveagh Centre	Learning Disability
Knockbracken Healthcare Park	Mental Illness, Old Age Psychiatry, Forensic Psychiatry
Mater Infirmorum	Mental Illness
Muckamore Abbey	Learning Disability
<b>Northern HSC Trust</b>	
Causeway	Mental Illness
Holywell	Mental Illness, Old Age Psychiatry, Learning Disability
<b>South Eastern HSC Trust</b>	
Downshire	Mental Illness, Old Age Psychiatry
Lagan Valley PNU	Mental Illness, Old Age Psychiatry
Ulster MHU	Mental Illness
<b>Southern HSC Trust</b>	
Bluestone	Mental Illness, Old Age Psychiatry, Learning Disability
St Lukes <sup>2</sup>	Old Age Psychiatry
<b>Western HSC Trust</b>	
Grangewood	Mental Illness
Lakeview	Learning Disability
Tyrone & Fermanagh	Mental Illness, Old Age Psychiatry
Waterside	Old Age Psychiatry

<sup>1</sup> Three wards from Mater Infirmorum and two wards from Knockbracken Healthcare Park transferred to Acute Mental Health Inpatient Unit when it opened in June 2019. Mental health wards still exist at Knockbracken Healthcare park but none remain at Mater Infirmorum.

### **Appendix 3: About Hospital Information Branch (HIB)**

Hospital Information Branch is responsible for the collection, quality assurance, analysis and publication of timely and accurate information derived from a wide range of statistical information returns supplied by the Health & Social Care (HSC) Trusts and the HSC Board. Statistical information is collected routinely from a variety of electronic patient level administrative systems and pre-defined EXCEL survey return templates.

The Branch aims to present information in a meaningful way and provide advice on its uses to customers in the HSC Committee, Professional Advisory Groups, policy branches within the DoH, other Health organisations, academia, private sector organisations, charity/voluntary organisations as well as the general public. The statistical information collected is used to contribute to major exercises such as reporting on the performance of the HSC system, other comparative performance exercises, target setting and monitoring, development of service frameworks as well as policy formulation and evaluation. In addition, the information is used in response to a significantly high volume of Parliamentary / Assembly questions and ad-hoc queries each year.

Information is disseminated through a number of key statistical publications, including: Inpatient Activity, Outpatient Activity, Emergency Care, Mental Health & Learning Disability and Waiting Time Statistics (Inpatient, Outpatient, Diagnostics and Cancer). A detailed list of these publications is available from:

<https://www.health-ni.gov.uk/topics/doh-statistics-and-research>

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## Appendix 4: An Accredited Official Statistics publication

[Accredited Official Statistics](#) are official statistics that have been independently reviewed by Office for Statistics Regulation (OSR) and confirmed to comply with the standards of trustworthiness, quality and value in the [Code of Practice for Statistics](#). Producers of accredited official statistics are legally required to ensure they maintain compliance with the Code. Accredited official statistics are called Accredited Official Statistics in the Statistics and Registration Service Act 2007.

These accredited official statistics were independently reviewed by OSR with accreditation confirmed in June 2013. They comply with the standards of trustworthiness, quality and value in the Code of Practice and should be labelled Accredited Official Statistics (or 'accredited official statistics').

Our statistical practice is regulated by OSR. They set the standards of trustworthiness, quality and value in the Code of Practice for Statistics that all producers of official statistics should adhere to. You are welcome to contact us directly with any comments about how we meet these standards. Alternatively, you can contact OSR by emailing [regulation@statistics.gov.uk](mailto:regulation@statistics.gov.uk) or via the OSR website.

Since the latest review by the Office for Statistics Regulation, we have continued to comply with the Code of Practice for Statistics, and have made the following improvements:

- Move the release date from September to August in order to release statistics as soon as they are ready. (The 2020/21 publication was originally due to be published on 19th August 2021 but was delayed due to pressures associated with the COVID-19 outbreak.)

- Improved the validation process for Trusts, and raising queries on data quality at the earliest stage.

Since the assessment, we have continued to comply with the Code of Practice for Statistics. A list of those who received 24-hour pre-release access to this publication is available online with the current annual publication found [here](#):

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