

The statistics on Venous Thromboembolism (VTE) Risk Assessment in England for Quarter 3 2014/15 (October to December 2014) produced by NHS England were released on 6th March 2015 according to the arrangements approved by the UK Statistics Authority.

**Venous Thromboembolism (VTE) Risk Assessment data collection
Quarter 3 2014/15 (October-December 2014)**

Key points

The key results for data collected in December 2014 and Quarter 3 2014/15 overall on the number and proportion of VTE Risk Assessments carried out on adult admissions to NHS funded acute care are as follows:

December 2014:

- Of the 1.2 million adult patients admitted to NHS funded acute care in December 2014, as reported in this data collection, 96% of these received a VTE risk assessment on admission, the same as November 2014.
- In December 2014, the proportion of admissions receiving a VTE risk assessment was slightly lower for NHS acute care providers (96%) than for Independent Sector providers (99%), with NHS acute care providers carrying out around 97% of all VTE risk assessments.
- All the NHS regions (London, North of England, South of England, Midlands and East of England) achieved the 95% goal in this month: 97% for the North, Midlands and East and London regions and 98% for the South of England.
- In December 2014 there were 38 providers (12% of all providers) that were below the 95% threshold, with most of them (32 out of 38) between 90-95% that is getting closer to the NHS Standard Contract threshold. This is compared to 30 out of 34 providers in November 2014.

Quarter 3 2014/15:

- Of the 3.6 million adult patients admitted to NHS funded acute care in Quarter 3 2014/15, as reported in this data collection, 3.4 million (96%) of these received a VTE risk assessment on admission, the same percentage as in Quarter 2 2014/15.
- In Quarter 3 2014/15, the proportion of admissions receiving a VTE risk assessment was slightly lower for NHS acute care providers (96%) than Independent Sector

providers (99%), with NHS acute care providers carrying out around 97% of all VTE risk assessments.

- The percentage of patients risk assessed for VTE has remained stable at 96% from Quarter 2 2013/14 to Quarter 3 2014/15.
- All the NHS regions (London, North of England, South of England, Midlands and East of England) achieved the 95% goal in this quarter: 97% for the North, Midlands and East and London regions and 98% for the South of England.
- In Quarter 3 2014/15, 89% of the providers (284 providers) carried out a VTE risk assessment for 95% or more of their admissions (the NHS Standard Contract threshold), a similar percentage (90%) as in Quarter 2 2014/15 (292 providers).
- In Quarter 3 2014/15 there were 34 providers (11% of all providers) that were below the 95% threshold, with most of them (29 out of 34) between 90-95%, that is, getting closer to the NHS Standard Contract threshold. This is compared to 29 out of 32 providers in Quarter 2 2014/15.

The full data tables can be found on the NHS England website:

<http://www.england.nhs.uk/statistics/statistical-work-areas/vte/vte-risk-assessment-2014-15/>