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Headline Figures

Finished Consultant Episodes (FCEs)

	Count	Proportion
Total	654,626	100.0 %
<i>Proportion of the above episodes with a procedure or intervention</i>		65.9 %
Day Cases	194,855	29.8 %
<i>Proportion of the above episodes with a procedure or intervention</i>		93.9 %
Inpatients	342,842	52.4 %
<i>Proportion of the above episodes with a procedure or intervention</i>		38.8 %
Regular Day / Night Attenders	116,929	17.9 %
<i>Proportion of the above episodes with a procedure or intervention</i>		98.7 %
Patient's Age		
0-4 (includes babies born in hospital)	28,854	4.4 %
5-14	21,074	3.2 %
15-44	115,710	17.7 %
45-64	187,975	28.7 %
65-74	131,453	20.1 %
75-84	119,320	18.2 %
85 & Over	50,240	7.7 %

Days

Average length of stay per inpatient FCE

3.4

Admissions

	Count	Proportion
Total	542,522	100.0 %
Day Cases	194,744	35.9 %
Inpatients	231,273	42.6 %
Regular Day / Night Attenders	116,505	21.5 %
Patient's Age		
0-4 (includes babies born in hospital)	27,196	5.0 %
5-14	20,614	3.8 %
15-44	99,819	18.4 %
45-64	159,355	29.4 %
65-74	108,507	20.0 %
75-84	93,590	17.3 %
85 & Over	33,441	6.2%

Days

Average length of stay per inpatient admission

5.1

Discharge Episodes

	Count	Proportion
Waiting List (including booked)	179,514	33.1 %
Planned (deferred for medical and social reasons)	181,277	33.4 %
Emergency	161,428	29.8 %
Others (including Maternity and births)	20,303	3.7 %

Explanatory notes and a glossary of terms are available from the link

<https://www.health-ni.gov.uk/publications/explanatory-notes-and-technical-guidance-acute-episode-based-activity>

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Table 1: Finished Consultant Episodes (FCEs), Male FCEs and Total Admissions by Procedure / Operation

Chapter / Block	Title	All Finished Episodes	Male FCEs	All Admissions
A	Nervous System	6,415	2,783	5,917
A01-A10	Tissue of brain	182	98	141
A12-A22	Ventricle of brain and subarachnoid space	310	131	229
A24-A36	Cranial nerves	83	40	85
A38-A42	Meninges of brain	161	93	115
A44-A57	Spinal cord and other contents of spinal canal	3,672	1,602	3,366
A59-A73	Peripheral nerves	1,691	670	1,687
A75-A84	Other parts of nervous system	308	149	294
B	Endocrine System and Breast	2,990	223	2,940
B01-B06	Pituitary and pineal glands	55	26	49
B08-B17	Thyroid and parathyroid glands	497	144	489
B18-B25	Other endocrine glands	34	17	25
B27-B40	Breast	2,401	36	2,377
C	Eye	15,254	7,097	15,197
C01-C08	Orbit	124	80	121
C09-C22	Eyebrow and eyelid	2,110	1,033	2,106
C24-C29	Lacrimal apparatus	394	149	394
C31-C37	Muscles of eye	297	151	300
C39-C51	Conjunctiva and cornea	272	160	272
C52-C65	Sclera and iris	689	354	686
C66-C77	Anterior chamber of eye and lens	8,968	3,710	8,956
C79-C90	Retina, other parts of eye and anaesthetics	2,393	1,460	2,362
D	Ear	3,366	1,959	3,355
D01-D08	External ear and external auditory canal	1,074	756	1,070
D10-D20	Mastoid and middle ear	2,116	1,108	2,109
D22-D28	Inner ear and eustachian canal	176	95	176
E	Respiratory Tract	12,299	6,745	10,342
E01-E11	Nose	2,609	1,539	2,590
E12-E17	Nasal sinuses	329	171	327
E19-E28	Pharynx	679	393	664
E29-E38	Larynx	1,019	610	1,003
E39-E52	Trachea and bronchus	2,828	1,572	2,636
E53-E63	Lung and mediastinum	797	424	744
E85-E98	Non operations on lower respiratory tract	4,033	2,036	2,378
F	Mouth	11,472	5,702	11,417
F01-F06	Lip	486	243	486
F08-F20	Tooth and gingiva	7,276	3,768	7,255
F22-F32	Tongue and palate	600	361	593
F34-F43	Tonsil and other parts of mouth	2,855	1,224	2,833
F44-F58	Salivary apparatus	248	104	248
F63	Other Dental	<5	<5	<5
G	Upper Digestive Tract	30,831	14,728	28,782
G01-G25	Oesophagus including hiatus hernia	1,765	999	1,639

Chapter / Block	Title	All Finished Episodes	Male FCEs	All Admissions
G27-G48	Stomach pylorus and general upper gastrointestinal tract endoscopy	28,183	13,266	26,448
G49-G57	Duodenum	122	81	77
G58-G67	Jejunum	105	63	80
G68-G82	Ileum	650	319	538
H	Lower Digestive Tract	32,755	16,867	31,295
H01-H03	Appendix	1,832	1,025	1,553
H04-H31	Colon	27,208	13,730	26,264
H33-H46	Rectum	946	478	810
H47-H70	Anus and perianal region	2,769	1,634	2,668
J	Other Abdominal Organs – Principally Digestive	5,370	2,025	4,609
J01-J17	Liver	717	386	641
J18-J26	Gall bladder	2,421	677	2,216
J27-J53	Bile duct	1,819	759	1,375
J54-J68	Pancreas	106	59	87
J69-J72	Spleen	32	16	24
J73-J77	Pancreas	270	128	266
K	Heart	13,371	8,914	12,802
K01-K24	Wall septum and chambers of heart	61	27	59
K25-K38	Valves of heart and adjacent structures	507	284	477
K40-K51	Coronary artery	720	572	659
K52-K78	Other parts of heart and pericardium	12,078	8,031	11,607
L, O01-O05, O15	Arteries and Veins	4,916	2,387	4,467
L01-L13	Great vessels and pulmonary artery	7	<5	<5
L16-L28	Aorta	256	207	165
L29-L39	Carotid cerebral and subclavian arteries	486	225	441
L41-L47	Abdominal branches of aorta	79	34	63
L48-L63	Iliac and femoral arteries	621	413	577
L65-L72	Other arteries	308	130	279
L74-L99	Veins and other blood vessels	2,995	1,320	2,837
O01-O05, O15	Overflow arteries and veins	159	54	101
M	Urinary	25,562	16,458	24,841
M01-M17	Kidney	2,817	1,593	2,666
M18-M33	Ureter	2,313	1,350	2,224
M34-M49	Bladder	17,494	11,055	17,044
M51-M71	Outlet of bladder and prostate	2,362	1,987	2,338
M72-M86	Urethra and other parts of urinary tract	576	473	569
N	Male Genital Organs	3,518	3,506	3,484
N01-N13	Scrotum and testis	969	959	946
N15-N24	Spermatic cord and male perineum	1,459	1,460	1,457
N26-N35	Penis and other male genital organs	1,089	1,087	1,081
P	Lower Female Genital Tract	1,728	-	1,689
P01-P13	Vulva and female perineum	691	-	666
P14-P32	Vagina	1,037	-	1,023

Chapter / Block	Title	All Finished Episodes	Male FCEs	All Admissions
Q	Upper Female Genital Tract	9,784	<5	9,592
Q01-Q20	Uterus	8,519	-	8,386
Q22-Q41	Fallopian tube	1,245	<5	1,186
Q43-Q56	Ovary and broad ligament	956	-	931
R	Female Genital Tract Associated with Pregnancy, Childbirth and Puerperium	68	-	60
R01-R12	Fetus and gravid uterus	20	-	20
R14-R27	Induction and delivery	18	-	12
R28-R34	Other obstetric	26	-	28
R36-R43	Obstetric scans and studies	-	-	-
S	Skin	13,353	6,167	13,046
S01-S62	Skin or subcutaneous tissue	12,796	5,853	12,490
S64-S70	Nail	557	314	556
T	Soft tissue	9,842	5,719	8,966
T01-T17	Chest wall pleura and diaphragm	985	608	728
T19-T31	Abdominal wall	3,131	2,423	2,998
T33-T48	Peritoneum	2,260	916	1,900
T50-T62	Fascia ganglion and bursa	1,119	421	1,113
T64-T74	Tendon	1,155	758	1,105
T76-T83	Muscle	232	144	227
T85-T97	Lymphatic tissue	953	449	895
U	Diagnostic Testing and Rehabilitation	46,635	22,861	31,336
U01-U21	Diagnostic Imaging	40,328	19,993	26,346
U22-U40	Diagnostic tests	4,745	2,055	3,486
U50-U54	Rehabilitation	1,562	813	1,504
V	Bones and Joints of Skull and Spine	3,886	2,034	3,697
V01-V21	Bones and joints of cranium, face and jaw	1,108	799	1,079
V22-V63	Bones and joints of spine	2,778	1,235	2,618
W, O06-O10	Other Bones and Joints	18,120	8,661	16,202
W01-W04	Complex reconstruction of hand and foot	97	32	98
W05-W36	Bone	7,687	4,019	6,589
W37-W99	Joint	10,332	4,608	9,513
O06-O10	Overflow other bones and joints	<5	<5	<5
X	Miscellaneous Operations	157,672	87,475	154,119
X01-X27	Operations covering multiple systems	714	523	667
X28-X66	Miscellaneous operations	116,015	69,268	112,678
X70-X97	Specified drug therapy	40,943	17,684	40,774

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Table 2: FCEs by Admission Type and Procedure / Operation

Chapter / Block	Title	Emergency	Waiting List	Planned	Other
A	Nervous System	1,540	3,315	1,209	351
A01-A10	Tissue of brain	28	91	40	23
A12-A22	Ventricle of brain and subarachnoid space	135	58	21	97
A24-A36	Cranial nerves	<5	74	9	-
A38-A42	Meninges of brain	53	43	7	62
A44-A57	Spinal cord and other contents of spinal canal	1,085	1,593	848	146
A59-A73	Peripheral nerves	109	1,340	234	8
A75-A84	Other parts of nervous system	127	116	50	15
B	Endocrine System and Breast	105	2,816	51	18
B01-B06	Pituitary and pineal glands	<5	44	6	<5
B08-B17	Thyroid and parathyroid glands	15	466	10	6
B18-B25	Other endocrine glands	-	34	-	<5
B27-B40	Breast	86	2,272	35	9
C	Eye	282	14,003	931	38
C01-C08	Orbit	23	87	7	7
C09-C22	Eyebrow and eyelid	34	1,871	198	7
C24-C29	Lacrimal apparatus	6	370	18	-
C31-C37	Muscles of eye	-	301	-	-
C39-C51	Conjunctiva and cornea	26	208	38	<5
C52-C65	Sclera and iris	32	640	17	<5
C66-C77	Anterior chamber of eye and lens	22	8,756	184	6
C79-C90	Retina, other parts of eye & anaesthetics	139	1,770	469	15
D	Ear	95	3,137	118	16
D01-D08	External ear and external auditory canal	63	964	38	9
D10-D20	Mastoid and middle ear	28	2,015	68	5
D22-D28	Inner ear and eustachian canal	<5	158	12	<5
E	Respiratory Tract	3,320	7,030	722	1,227
E01-E11	Nose	303	2,097	133	76
E12-E17	Nasal sinuses	7	317	5	<5
E19-E28	Pharynx	39	621	13	6
E29-E38	Larynx	45	916	44	14
E39-E52	Trachea and bronchus	289	2,347	121	71
E53-E63	Lung and mediastinum	50	619	122	10
E85-E98	Non operations on lower respiratory tract	2,587	113	284	1,049
F	Mouth	490	10,665	215	102
F01-F06	Lip	67	339	61	19
F08-F20	Tooth and gingiva	145	7,036	43	52
F22-F32	Tongue and palate	18	509	67	6
F34-F43	Tonsil and other parts of mouth	237	2,563	35	20
F44-F58	Salivary apparatus	21	218	9	<5
F63	Other Dental	<5	-	-	<5
G	Upper Digestive Tract	3,587	21,910	4,842	492
G01-G25	Oesophagus including hiatus hernia	212	1,178	304	71
G27-G48	Stomach pylorus and general upper	3,051	20,287	4,498	347

Chapter / Block	Title	Emergency	Waiting List	Planned	Other
	gastrointestinal tract endoscopy				
G49-G57	Duodenum	83	20	7	14
G58-G67	Jejunum	46	33	16	14
G68-G82	Ileum	195	392	17	46
H	Lower Digestive Tract	4,259	23,121	5,128	247
H01-H03	Appendix	1,740	29	8	55
H04-H31	Colon	1,489	20,574	5,000	145
H33-H46	Rectum	201	711	15	19
H47-H70	Anus and perianal region	829	1,807	105	28
J	Other Abdominal Organs – Principally Digestive	1,342	2,962	811	255
J01-J17	Liver	129	299	258	31
J18-J26	Gall bladder	483	1,842	36	63
J27-J53	Bile duct	697	507	473	143
J54-J68	Pancreas	20	69	5	13
J69-J72	Spleen	10	16	<5	<5
J73-J77	Pancreas	<5	229	37	<5
K	Heart	2,610	8,047	353	2,362
K01-K24	Wall septum and chambers of heart	6	49	<5	6
K25-K38	Valves of heart and adjacent structures	45	373	11	79
K40-K51	Coronary artery	87	538	11	87
K52-K78	Other parts of heart and pericardium	2,472	7,087	330	2,190
L, O01-O05, O15	Arteries and Veins	540	2,928	1,080	368
L01-L13	Great vessels and pulmonary artery	<5	<5	-	<5
L16-L28	Aorta	43	172	7	34
L29-L39	Carotid cerebral and subclavian arteries	68	170	182	67
L41-L47	Abdominal branches of aorta	21	45	<5	13
L48-L63	Iliac and femoral arteries	116	431	21	53
L65-L72	Other arteries	64	215	7	22
L74-L99	Veins and other blood vessels	197	1,870	804	124
O01-O05, O15	Overflow arteries and veins	29	23	55	52
M	Urinary	1,962	16,626	6,520	454
M01-M17	Kidney	269	1,952	462	134
M18-M33	Ureter	365	1,187	620	141
M34-M49	Bladder	1,286	10,893	5,149	166
M51-M71	Outlet of bladder and prostate	18	2,138	199	7
M72-M86	Urethra and other parts of urinary tract	24	456	90	6
N	Male Genital Organs	451	2,963	85	19
N01-N13	Scrotum and testis	391	532	32	14
N15-N24	Spermatic cord and male perineum	20	1,428	12	-
N26-N35	Penis and other male genital organs	40	1,003	41	5
P	Lower Female Genital Tract	150	1,559	14	5
P01-P13	Vulva and female perineum	109	575	7	-
P14-P32	Vagina	41	984	7	5

Chapter / Block	Title	Emergency	Waiting List	Planned	Other
Q	Upper Female Genital Tract	967	8,394	356	69
Q01-Q20	Uterus	739	7,406	337	37
Q22-Q41	Fallopian tube	227	973	15	32
Q43-Q56	Ovary and broad ligament	429	499	16	12
R	Female Genital Tract Associated with Pregnancy, Childbirth and Puerperium	20	24	6	18
R01-R12	Fetus and gravid uterus	<5	15	<5	-
R14-R27	Induction and delivery	<5	-	-	18
R28-R34	Other obstetric	17	9	<5	-
R36-R43	Obstetric scans and studies	-	-	-	-
S	Skin	1,785	8,783	2,386	399
S01-S62	Skin or subcutaneous tissue	1,615	8,426	2,380	375
S64-S70	Nail	170	357	6	24
T	Soft tissue	2,581	5,881	1,069	311
T01-T17	Chest wall pleura and diaphragm	588	231	87	79
T19-T31	Abdominal wall	472	2,588	34	37
T33-T48	Peritoneum	866	690	589	115
T50-T62	Fascia ganglion and bursa	26	877	216	<5
T64-T74	Tendon	458	567	74	56
T76-T83	Muscle	30	164	35	7
T85-T97	Lymphatic tissue	141	764	34	14
U	Diagnostic Testing and Rehabilitation	38,656	2,852	1,657	3,470
U01-U21	Diagnostic Imaging	34,839	1,844	966	2,679
U22-U40	Diagnostic tests	3,321	1,003	284	137
U50-U54	Rehabilitation	496	5	407	654
V	Bones and Joints of Skull and Spine	473	2,672	537	204
V01-V21	Bones and joints of cranium, face and jaw	237	644	107	120
V22-V63	Bones and joints of spine	236	2,028	430	84
W, O06-O10	Other Bones and Joints	5,242	9,185	2,606	1,087
W01-W04	Complex reconstruction of hand and foot	<5	89	8	-
W05-W36	Bone	3,403	1,947	1,621	716
W37-W99	Joint	1,837	7,147	977	371
O06-O10	Overflow other bones and joints	-	<5	-	-
X	Miscellaneous Operations	3,870	8,966	143,135	1,701
X01-X27	Operations covering multiple systems	304	291	41	78
X28-X66	Miscellaneous operations	3,147	5,782	105,780	1,306
X70-X97	Specified drug therapy	419	2,893	37,314	317

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Table 3: FCEs, Average Episode Duration and Day Cases by Procedure / Operation

Chapter / Block	Title	Finished Episodes	Episode Duration		Day Cases
			Mean	Median	
A	Nervous System	6,415	2.1	0.0	3,783
A01-A10	Tissue of brain	182	7.2	5.0	-
A12-A22	Ventricle of brain and subarachnoid space	310	7.5	4.0	<5
A24-A36	Cranial nerves	83	2.3	0.0	40
A38-A42	Meninges of brain	161	6.7	5.0	-
A44-A57	Spinal cord and other contents of spinal canal	3,672	1.7	0.0	2,168
A59-A73	Peripheral nerves	1,691	0.2	0.0	1,445
A75-A84	Other parts of nervous system	308	5.3	1.0	127
B	Endocrine System and Breast	2,990	2.0	1.0	526
B01-B06	Pituitary and pineal glands	55	5.5	4.0	-
B08-B17	Thyroid and parathyroid glands	497	2.4	2.0	9
B18-B25	Other endocrine glands	34	3.1	3.0	<5
B27-B40	Breast	2,401	1.9	1.0	514
C	Eye	15,254	0.1	0.0	14,224
C01-C08	Orbit	124	2.2	1.0	43
C09-C22	Eyebrow and eyelid	2,110	0.1	0.0	2,026
C24-C29	Lacrimal apparatus	394	0.1	0.0	361
C31-C37	Muscles of eye	297	0.0	0.0	295
C39-C51	Conjunctiva and cornea	272	0.5	0.0	190
C52-C65	Sclera and iris	689	0.1	0.0	601
C66-C77	Anterior chamber of eye and lens	8,968	0.0	0.0	8,813
C79-C90	Retina, other parts of eye & anaesthetics	2,393	0.3	0.0	1,895
D	Ear	3,366	0.3	0.0	2,740
D01-D08	External ear and external auditory canal	1,074	0.3	0.0	902
D10-D20	Mastoid and middle ear	2,116	0.3	0.0	1,716
D22-D28	Inner ear and eustachian canal	176	0.6	0.0	122
E	Respiratory Tract	12,299	3.3	0.0	5,449
E01-E11	Nose	2,609	0.6	0.0	1,655
E12-E17	Nasal sinuses	329	0.7	0.0	162
E19-E28	Pharynx	679	0.8	0.0	439
E29-E38	Larynx	1,019	1.4	0.0	524
E39-E52	Trachea and bronchus	2,828	1.6	0.0	2,197
E53-E63	Lung and mediastinum	797	3.5	1.0	254
E85-E98	Non operations on lower respiratory tract	4,033	7.3	3.0	218
F	Mouth	11,472	0.4	0.0	8,988
F01-F06	Lip	486	0.2	0.0	354
F08-F20	Tooth and gingiva	7,276	0.2	0.0	6,942
F22-F32	Tongue and palate	600	0.9	0.0	418
F34-F43	Tonsil and other parts of mouth	2,855	0.7	1.0	1,202
F44-F58	Salivary apparatus	248	1.7	1.0	72
F63	Other Dental	<5	4.7	1.0	-
G	Upper Digestive Tract	30,831	1.0	0.0	25,477
G01-G25	Oesophagus including hiatus hernia	1,765	2.0	0.0	1,142

Chapter / Block	Title	Finished Episodes	Episode Duration		Day Cases
			Mean	Median	
G27-G48	Stomach pylorus and general upper gastrointestinal tract endoscopy	28,183	0.8	0.0	24,096
G49-G57	Duodenum	122	6.2	4.0	18
G58-G67	Jejunum	105	11.0	2.0	23
G68-G82	Ileum	650	8.5	3.0	198
H	Lower Digestive Tract	32,755	0.9	0.0	26,165
H01-H03	Appendix	1,832	2.8	2.0	<5
H04-H31	Colon	27,208	0.6	0.0	24,333
H33-H46	Rectum	946	6.4	3.0	217
H47-H70	Anus and perianal region	2,769	0.7	0.0	1,612
J	Other Abdominal Organs – Principally Digestive	5,370	3.6	1.0	1,489
J01-J17	Liver	717	4.5	1.0	237
J18-J26	Gall bladder	2,421	2.9	1.0	441
J27-J53	Bile duct	1,819	4.0	1.0	545
J54-J68	Pancreas	106	15.9	11.0	<5
J69-J72	Spleen	32	5.5	4.0	<5
J73-J77	Pancreas	270	0.1	0.0	262
K	Heart	13,371	2.2	0.0	3,957
K01-K24	Wall septum and chambers of heart	61	4.7	1.0	<5
K25-K38	Valves of heart and adjacent structures	507	12.5	9.0	-
K40-K51	Coronary artery	720	9.8	8.0	52
K52-K78	Other parts of heart and pericardium	12,078	1.3	0.0	3,903
L, O01-O05, O15	Arteries and Veins	4,916	2.6	0.0	2,634
L01-L13	Great vessels and pulmonary artery	7	2.6	2.0	-
L16-L28	Aorta	256	5.4	3.0	6
L29-L39	Carotid cerebral and subclavian arteries	486	2.7	2.0	140
L41-L47	Abdominal branches of aorta	79	3.3	1.0	16
L48-L63	Iliac and femoral arteries	621	4.4	3.0	197
L65-L72	Other arteries	308	2.3	0.0	177
L74-L99	Veins and other blood vessels	2,995	1.8	0.0	2,096
O01-O05, O15	Overflow arteries and veins	159	5.4	3.0	<5
M	Urinary	25,562	0.9	0.0	18,493
M01-M17	Kidney	2,817	2.4	0.0	1,385
M18-M33	Ureter	2,313	1.7	1.0	967
M34-M49	Bladder	17,494	0.7	0.0	14,148
M51-M71	Outlet of bladder and prostate	2,362	0.7	0.0	1,617
M72-M86	Urethra and other parts of urinary tract	576	0.6	0.0	376
N	Male Genital Organs	3,518	0.4	0.0	2,759
N01-N13	Scrotum and testis	969	0.9	0.0	444
N15-N24	Spermatic cord and male perineum	1,459	0.1	0.0	1,392
N26-N35	Penis and other male genital organs	1,089	0.3	0.0	923
P	Lower Female Genital Tract	1,728	1.8	1.0	594
P01-P13	Vulva and female perineum	691	0.9	0.0	432
P14-P32	Vagina	1,037	2.3	2.0	162

Chapter / Block	Title	Finished Episodes	Episode Duration		Day Cases
			Mean	Median	
Q	Upper Female Genital Tract	9,784	0.9	0.0	5,658
Q01-Q20	Uterus	8,519	0.8	0.0	5,164
Q22-Q41	Fallopian tube	1,245	1.4	1.0	484
Q43-Q56	Ovary and broad ligament	956	1.4	1.0	280
R	Female Genital Tract Associated with Pregnancy, Childbirth and Puerperium	68	23.5	1.0	11
R01-R12	Fetus and gravid uterus	20	0.6	0.0	10
R14-R27	Induction and delivery	18	76.3	2.0	-
R28-R34	Other obstetric	26	2.2	2.0	<5
R36-R43	Obstetric scans and studies	-	0.0	0.0	-
S	Skin	13,353	0.9	0.0	10,563
S01-S62	Skin or subcutaneous tissue	12,796	1.0	0.0	10,224
S64-S70	Nail	557	0.1	0.0	339
T	Soft tissue	9,842	2.8	0.0	4,313
T01-T17	Chest wall pleura and diaphragm	985	7.2	5.0	107
T19-T31	Abdominal wall	3,131	1.7	0.0	1,535
T33-T48	Peritoneum	2,260	4.3	1.0	836
T50-T62	Fascia ganglion and bursa	1,119	0.3	0.0	964
T64-T74	Tendon	1,155	1.0	0.0	433
T76-T83	Muscle	232	2.6	0.0	99
T85-T97	Lymphatic tissue	953	2.9	1.0	339
U	Diagnostic Testing and Rehabilitation	46,635	5.4	3.0	2,759
U01-U21	Diagnostic Imaging	40,328	5.2	3.0	1,402
U22-U40	Diagnostic tests	4,745	3.4	1.0	962
U50-U54	Rehabilitation	1,562	15.9	8.0	395
V	Bones and Joints of Skull and Spine	3,886	2.0	0.0	2,185
V01-V21	Bones and joints of cranium, face and jaw	1,108	1.9	1.0	458
V22-V63	Bones and joints of spine	2,778	2.1	0.0	1,727
W, O06-O10	Other Bones and Joints	18,120	3.5	2.0	5,408
W01-W04	Complex reconstruction of hand and foot	97	3.4	3.0	<5
W05-W36	Bone	7,687	3.4	1.0	1,849
W37-W99	Joint	10,332	3.5	2.0	3,557
O06-O10	Overflow other bones and joints	<5	6.5	6.5	-
X	Miscellaneous Operations	157,672	0.4	0.0	34,243
X01-X27	Operations covering multiple systems	714	8.7	3.0	73
X28-X66	Miscellaneous operations	116,015	0.3	0.0	17,806
X70-X97	Specified drug therapy	40,943	0.4	0.0	16,364

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Table 4: FCEs with Zero Bed Days by Procedure / Operation

Chapter / Block	Title	Cases with zero bed days §		
		Emergency	Elective	Other
A	Nervous System	101	193	11
A01-A10	Tissue of brain	-	6	-
A12-A22	Ventricle of brain and subarachnoid space	-	1	2
A24-A36	Cranial nerves	-	8	-
A38-A42	Meninges of brain	-	-	-
A44-A57	Spinal cord and other contents of spinal canal	52	119	4
A59-A73	Peripheral nerves	48	58	3
A75-A84	Other parts of nervous system	1	1	2
B	Endocrine System and Breast	7	224	1
B01-B06	Pituitary and pineal glands	-	-	-
B08-B17	Thyroid and parathyroid glands	-	7	1
B18-B25	Other endocrine glands	-	-	-
B27-B40	Breast	7	217	-
C	Eye	48	87	12
C01-C08	Orbit	-	2	-
C09-C22	Eyebrow and eyelid	15	12	4
C24-C29	Lacrimal apparatus	-	4	-
C31-C37	Muscles of eye	-	2	-
C39-C51	Conjunctiva and cornea	3	3	-
C52-C65	Sclera and iris	5	6	-
C66-C77	Anterior chamber of eye and lens	6	25	3
C79-C90	Retina, other parts of eye & anaesthetics	19	33	5
D	Ear	31	96	1
D01-D08	External ear and external auditory canal	29	34	1
D10-D20	Mastoid and middle ear	2	53	-
D22-D28	Inner ear and eustachian canal	-	9	-
E	Respiratory Tract	145	517	43
E01-E11	Nose	51	75	9
E12-E17	Nasal sinuses	-	16	-
E19-E28	Pharynx	1	59	1
E29-E38	Larynx	3	194	1
E39-E52	Trachea and bronchus	3	83	5
E53-E63	Lung and mediastinum	3	89	-
E85-E98	Non operations on lower respiratory tract	84	1	27
F	Mouth	90	152	23
F01-F06	Lip	50	10	15
F08-F20	Tooth and gingiva	15	35	4
F22-F32	Tongue and palate	3	19	2
F34-F43	Tonsil and other parts of mouth	21	72	1
F44-F58	Salivary apparatus	1	16	-
F63	Other Dental	-	-	1
G	Upper Digestive Tract	100	98	84
G01-G25	Oesophagus including hiatus hernia	15	42	19
G27-G48	Stomach pylorus and general upper gastrointestinal tract endoscopy	79	49	60

Chapter / Block	Title	Cases with zero bed days §		
		Emergency	Elective	Other
G49-G57	Duodenum	-	-	1
G58-G67	Jejunum	2	4	1
G68-G82	Ileum	4	3	3
H	Lower Digestive Tract	111	118	17
H01-H03	Appendix	7	2	1
H04-H31	Colon	37	26	7
H33-H46	Rectum	7	22	2
H47-H70	Anus and perianal region	60	68	7
J	Other Abdominal Organs – Principally Digestive	3	135	41
J01-J17	Liver	2	46	1
J18-J26	Gall bladder	-	43	-
J27-J53	Bile duct	-	45	39
J54-J68	Pancreas	-	1	-
J69-J72	Spleen	1	-	-
J73-J77	Pancreas	-	-	1
K	Heart	362	2,186	1,223
K01-K24	Wall septum and chambers of heart	-	2	2
K25-K38	Valves of heart and adjacent structures	-	2	4
K40-K51	Coronary artery	7	20	15
K52-K78	Other parts of heart and pericardium	355	2,162	1,202
L, O01-O05, O15	Arteries and Veins	19	368	20
L01-L13	Great vessels and pulmonary artery	-	-	-
L16-L28	Aorta	-	-	-
L29-L39	Carotid cerebral and subclavian arteries	1	33	-
L41-L47	Abdominal branches of aorta	-	3	-
L48-L63	Iliac and femoral arteries	-	32	1
L65-L72	Other arteries	1	7	4
L74-L99	Veins and other blood vessels	16	292	15
O01-O05, O15	Overflow arteries and veins	1	1	-
M	Urinary	101	891	26
M01-M17	Kidney	13	87	12
M18-M33	Ureter	5	90	4
M34-M49	Bladder	82	560	8
M51-M71	Outlet of bladder and prostate	-	130	1
M72-M86	Urethra and other parts of urinary tract	1	24	1
N	Male Genital Organs	133	57	2
N01-N13	Scrotum and testis	120	26	1
N15-N24	Spermatic cord and male perineum	3	12	-
N26-N35	Penis and other male genital organs	10	19	1
P	Lower Female Genital Tract	15	49	-
P01-P13	Vulva and female perineum	11	23	-
P14-P32	Vagina	4	26	-
Q	Upper Female Genital Tract	335	508	9
Q01-Q20	Uterus	332	478	9
Q22-Q41	Fallopian tube	3	29	-

Chapter / Block	Title	Cases with zero bed days §		
		Emergency	Elective	Other
Q43-Q56	Ovary and broad ligament	61	39	-
R	Female Genital Tract Associated with Pregnancy, Childbirth and Puerperium	-	3	-
R01-R12	Fetus and gravid uterus	-	1	-
R14-R27	Induction and delivery	-	-	-
R28-R34	Other obstetric	-	2	-
R36-R43	Obstetric scans and studies	-	-	-
S	Skin	472	135	47
S01-S62	Skin or subcutaneous tissue	326	113	27
S64-S70	Nail	146	22	20
T	Soft tissue	247	357	49
T01-T17	Chest wall pleura and diaphragm	4	12	2
T19-T31	Abdominal wall	14	70	5
T33-T48	Peritoneum	15	103	25
T50-T62	Fascia ganglion and bursa	2	33	-
T64-T74	Tendon	205	45	16
T76-T83	Muscle	4	17	-
T85-T97	Lymphatic tissue	3	77	1
U	Diagnostic Testing and Rehabilitation	1,709	387	68
U01-U21	Diagnostic Imaging	1,509	287	59
U22-U40	Diagnostic tests	200	100	7
U50-U54	Rehabilitation	-	-	2
V	Bones and Joints of Skull and Spine	17	87	7
V01-V21	Bones and joints of cranium, face and jaw	15	46	5
V22-V63	Bones and joints of spine	2	41	2
W, O06-O10	Other Bones and Joints	366	650	61
W01-W04	Complex reconstruction of hand and foot	-	3	-
W05-W36	Bone	302	449	54
W37-W99	Joint	64	198	7
O06-O10	Overflow other bones and joints	-	-	-
X	Miscellaneous Operations	422	102,830	249
X01-X27	Operations covering multiple systems	108	13	7
X28-X66	Miscellaneous operations	277	79,902	191
X70-X97	Specified drug therapy	37	22,915	51

§ - In the HIS data, there are a number of episodes that are not recorded as day cases but do not involve an overnight stay and do not result in another episode of care at the same provider. These are referred to as zero bed days. Zero bed days include a number of records which resulted in the death of the patient, or their transfer to another hospital provider; however, the vast majority are recorded as having been discharged from hospital.

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Table 5: FCEs by Age Group and Procedure / Operation

Chapter / Block	Title	Mean Age	Age								
			0-9	10-19	20-29	30-39	40-49	50-59	60-69	70-79	80+
A	Nervous System	45	798	282	452	695	1,069	1,264	889	688	278
A01-A10	Tissue of brain	44	11	14	20	24	29	37	40	7	-
A12-A22	Ventricle of brain and subarachnoid space	33	73	36	39	40	39	30	31	22	<5
A24-A36	Cranial nerves	50	<5	8	<5	8	21	11	15	13	<5
A38-A42	Meninges of brain	57	8	<5	10	9	17	33	26	36	22
A44-A57	Spinal cord and other contents of spinal canal	42	585	169	308	435	570	661	468	350	126
A59-A73	Peripheral nerves	55	8	27	63	156	355	449	276	243	114
A75-A84	Other parts of nervous system	32	110	24	9	23	38	43	33	17	11
B	Endocrine System and Breast	54	9	48	169	327	539	773	576	394	155
B01-B06	Pituitary and pineal glands	48	-	<5	6	7	11	15	8	<5	<5
B08-B17	Thyroid and parathyroid glands	52	8	15	30	82	83	102	89	72	16
B18-B25	Other endocrine glands	56	-	<5	-	<5	6	10	6	8	<5
B27-B40	Breast	55	<5	28	133	235	439	646	473	311	136
C	Eye	66	425	180	346	512	842	1,721	2,989	4,507	3,732
C01-C08	Orbit	39	26	11	16	8	13	17	11	12	10
C09-C22	Eyebrow and eyelid	60	83	53	88	131	217	269	386	494	389
C24-C29	Lacrimal apparatus	46	104	5	6	18	30	59	66	73	33
C31-C37	Muscles of eye	23	127	53	25	29	19	24	12	8	<5
C39-C51	Conjunctiva and cornea	51	6	22	37	29	30	35	36	46	33
C52-C65	Sclera and iris	63	<5	9	20	29	58	120	176	175	100
C66-C77	Anterior chamber of eye and lens	74	25	13	31	55	187	619	1,705	3,355	2,978
C79-C90	Retina, other parts of eye & anaesthetics	57	51	14	123	213	288	578	597	344	185
D	Ear	30	1,433	394	162	207	201	243	223	281	222
D01-D08	External ear and external auditory canal	50	194	101	54	54	60	84	113	215	199
D10-D20	Mastoid and middle ear	20	1,153	264	100	143	127	155	102	56	16
D22-D28	Inner ear and eustachian canal	23	86	29	8	10	14	<5	8	10	7
E	Respiratory Tract	51	1,842	358	576	749	1,071	1,792	2,384	2,382	1,145

Chapter / Block	Title	Mean Age	Age								
			0-9	10-19	20-29	30-39	40-49	50-59	60-69	70-79	80+
E01-E11	Nose	51	134	145	300	322	296	330	347	407	328
E12-E17	Nasal sinuses	48	<5	9	23	68	78	72	49	19	10
E19-E28	Pharynx	24	367	73	21	19	33	46	59	46	15
E29-E38	Larynx	55	66	5	25	64	133	266	234	172	54
E39-E52	Trachea and bronchus	61	82	18	60	117	244	536	771	754	246
E53-E63	Lung and mediastinum	62	<5	13	29	33	63	125	234	243	57
E85-E98	Non operations on lower respiratory tract	44	1,187	95	118	126	224	417	690	741	435
F	Mouth	19	6,112	2,121	776	538	486	529	460	298	152
F01-F06	Lip	43	106	45	25	34	45	50	70	63	48
F08-F20	Tooth and gingiva	14	4,652	1,312	334	233	215	211	156	101	62
F22-F32	Tongue and palate	39	180	28	13	28	66	116	95	55	19
F34-F43	Tonsil and other parts of mouth	19	1,164	725	383	210	123	105	91	42	12
F44-F58	Salivary apparatus	51	8	11	21	33	37	47	48	37	10
F63	Other Dental	34	<5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	<5
G	Upper Digestive Tract	58	492	607	1,277	2,228	3,956	6,204	6,697	6,176	3,194
G01-G25	Oesophagus including hiatus hernia	57	94	32	54	121	175	370	392	367	160
G27-G48	Stomach pylorus and general upper gastrointestinal tract endoscopy	59	340	536	1,154	2,009	3,657	5,697	6,164	5,655	2,971
G49-G57	Duodenum	50	15	<5	7	12	20	23	12	19	14
G58-G67	Jejunum	49	11	6	11	10	8	15	24	20	<5
G68-G82	Ileum	51	32	31	51	76	96	99	105	115	45
H	Lower Digestive Tract	56	286	995	2,049	2,802	4,222	6,038	7,753	6,244	2,366
H01-H03	Appendix	28	165	561	414	277	151	126	76	47	15
H04-H31	Colon	59	70	268	1,116	1,904	3,369	5,282	7,168	5,848	2,183
H33-H46	Rectum	58	35	20	39	67	113	163	205	195	109
H47-H70	Anus and perianal region	44	16	146	480	554	589	467	304	154	59
J	Other Abdominal Organs – Principally Digestive	58	8	45	321	525	687	1,029	1,132	1,032	591
J01-J17	Liver	59	5	13	38	42	91	136	188	155	49
J18-J26	Gall bladder	51	<5	26	237	398	433	525	457	276	69

Chapter / Block	Title	Mean Age	Age								
			0-9	10-19	20-29	30-39	40-49	50-59	60-69	70-79	80+
J27-J53	Bile duct	68	-	<5	31	64	114	288	375	500	447
J54-J68	Pancreas	58	-	<5	8	6	15	21	30	21	5
J69-J72	Spleen	52	-	<5	<5	<5	<5	9	8	<5	<5
J73-J77	Pancreas	62	-	-	6	12	31	50	74	77	20
K	Heart	66	<5	62	118	247	903	2,602	3,623	3,843	1,973
K01-K24	Wall septum and chambers of heart	48	-	<5	7	10	12	15	12	<5	<5
K25-K38	Valves of heart and adjacent structures	71	-	<5	9	10	17	48	100	162	161
K40-K51	Coronary artery	68	-	-	-	<5	23	109	255	265	68
K52-K78	Other parts of heart and pericardium	66	<5	60	102	224	851	2,430	3,256	3,412	1,743
L, O01-O05, O15	Arteries and Veins	58	123	73	138	375	688	931	1,110	1,048	430
L01-L13	Great vessels and pulmonary artery	44	<5	-	-	<5	<5	<5	-	<5	-
L16-L28	Aorta	73	-	<5	<5	<5	6	9	53	118	64
L29-L39	Carotid cerebral and subclavian arteries	58	<5	6	17	42	68	109	130	74	40
L41-L47	Abdominal branches of aorta	60	-	-	<5	8	12	18	19	15	10
L48-L63	Iliac and femoral arteries	68	-	-	5	10	15	107	175	197	112
L65-L72	Other arteries	64	<5	<5	<5	11	32	51	71	83	51
L74-L99	Veins and other blood vessels	54	120	62	107	288	524	589	612	543	150
O01-O05, O15	Overflow arteries and veins	56	-	-	<5	11	29	46	50	17	<5
M	Urinary	63	238	241	689	1,318	2,485	4,280	5,802	6,503	4,006
M01-M17	Kidney	58	29	25	119	261	402	637	597	471	276
M18-M33	Ureter	56	34	26	128	179	406	485	482	422	151
M34-M49	Bladder	65	63	161	420	791	1,420	2,628	3,807	4,834	3,370
M51-M71	Outlet of bladder and prostate	65	-	<5	<5	49	190	453	822	692	153
M72-M86	Urethra and other parts of urinary tract	46	112	28	20	38	67	77	94	84	56
N	Male Genital Organs	35	433	443	302	895	747	278	202	145	73
N01-N13	Scrotum and testis	26	256	258	107	92	60	77	59	46	14
N15-N24	Spermatic cord and male perineum	39	8	16	66	694	578	68	20	9	<5
N26-N35	Penis and other male genital organs	38	169	169	129	109	109	133	123	90	58

Chapter / Block	Title	Mean Age	Age								
			0-9	10-19	20-29	30-39	40-49	50-59	60-69	70-79	80+
P	Lower Female Genital Tract	55	13	40	122	216	219	325	370	303	120
P01-P13	Vulva and female perineum	50	6	23	84	131	103	107	105	76	56
P14-P32	Vagina	59	7	17	38	85	116	218	265	227	64
Q	Upper Female Genital Tract	45	<5	82	918	2,405	3,040	2,056	736	407	140
Q01-Q20	Uterus	46	-	70	728	1,887	2,732	1,932	663	374	133
Q22-Q41	Fallopian tube	40	<5	12	188	500	308	124	73	33	7
Q43-Q56	Ovary and broad ligament	38	5	53	241	317	137	93	61	23	26
R	Female Genital Tract Associated with Pregnancy, Childbirth and Puerperium	33	-	<5	17	45	<5	<5	-	-	-
R01-R12	Fetus and gravid uterus	34	-	-	<5	18	-	-	-	-	-
R14-R27	Induction and delivery	31	-	<5	8	9	<5	-	-	-	-
R28-R34	Other obstetric	34	-	-	7	18	<5	<5	-	-	-
R36-R43	Obstetric scans and studies	0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
S	Skin	48	900	867	1,645	1,842	1,829	1,664	1,494	1,703	1,409
S01-S62	Skin or subcutaneous tissue	48	795	700	1,589	1,790	1,773	1,609	1,459	1,677	1,404
S64-S70	Nail	29	105	167	56	52	56	55	35	26	5
T	Soft tissue	53	447	276	662	962	1,403	1,844	1,960	1,586	702
T01-T17	Chest wall pleura and diaphragm	62	17	29	62	37	68	120	215	248	189
T19-T31	Abdominal wall	52	263	41	146	326	493	560	602	521	179
T33-T48	Peritoneum	56	10	41	176	237	292	482	487	366	169
T50-T62	Fascia ganglion and bursa	57	6	17	43	89	167	260	287	186	67
T64-T74	Tendon	40	108	112	154	168	187	187	137	75	27
T76-T83	Muscle	50	14	7	17	20	48	50	47	29	<5
T85-T97	Lymphatic tissue	54	29	29	64	85	148	185	185	161	67
U	Diagnostic Testing and Rehabilitation	62	1,121	1,097	2,284	3,023	4,332	6,645	7,862	9,779	10,492
U01-U21	Diagnostic Imaging	62	977	904	1,939	2,416	3,730	5,706	6,873	8,532	9,251
U22-U40	Diagnostic tests	57	144	171	279	496	476	739	856	945	639
U50-U54	Rehabilitation	68	-	22	66	111	126	200	133	302	602

Chapter / Block	Title	Mean Age	Age								
			0-9	10-19	20-29	30-39	40-49	50-59	60-69	70-79	80+
V	Bones and Joints of Skull and Spine	47	38	360	502	457	692	708	568	402	159
V01-V21	Bones and joints of cranium, face and jaw	30	16	295	390	167	98	68	40	23	11
V22-V63	Bones and joints of spine	54	22	65	112	290	594	640	528	379	148
W, O06-O10	Other Bones and Joints	54	919	1,204	1,278	1,328	1,927	2,781	3,147	3,186	2,350
W01-W04	Complex reconstruction of hand and foot	56	<5	<5	<5	6	11	23	39	12	<5
W05-W36	Bone	46	804	903	734	658	829	1,009	983	922	845
W37-W99	Joint	60	114	298	540	664	1,087	1,749	2,125	2,251	1,504
O06-O10	Overflow other bones and joints	44	-	<5	-	-	-	-	-	<5	-
X	Miscellaneous Operations	63	1,779	2,066	4,443	7,630	15,295	24,774	35,468	40,821	25,396
X01-X27	Operations covering multiple systems	54	76	22	33	36	58	114	146	138	91
X28-X66	Miscellaneous operations	65	779	1,091	2,412	4,734	10,372	15,850	24,708	32,585	23,484
X70-X97	Specified drug therapy	56	924	953	1,998	2,860	4,865	8,810	10,614	8,098	1,821

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