

VTE Risk Assessment data collection, January to March 2011

The third quarterly statistics on Venous Thromboembolism (VTE) Risk Assessment in England produced by the Department of Health were released on 3rd June 2011 according to the arrangements approved by the UK Statistics Authority.

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The key points from the latest release are:

The key results for data collected on the number and proportion of VTE Risk Assessments carried out on adult admissions to NHS funded acute care are as follows:

- Of the 3.0m adult patients admitted to NHS funded acute care between January to March 2011, as reported in this data collection, 81% of these received a VTE risk assessment on admission, an increase compared to Q3 2010-11 (68%). The proportion increased each month from 78% in January to 83% in March 2011.
- In Q4 2010-11, the proportion of admissions receiving a VTE risk assessment is the same for NHS acute providers as it is for Independent Sector providers (80.8%). The compliance rate for NHS acute providers is much higher than for other types of providers, so this may have an influence on the performance figures.
- In Q4 2010-11 the proportion of admissions receiving a VTE risk assessment was 61.4% in PCTs providing NHS funded acute care, compared to 50.0% in Quarter 3.
- Between January and March, the proportion of providers who reported that at least half of all adult admissions were risk assessed for VTE increased from 88% to 91%.
- In March 2011, 115 providers reported that at least 90% of adult admissions were risk assessed for VTE, compared to 18 in July 2010.

Detailed tables can be found at:

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