

# Accelerating the release of public sector land for development

## Main Findings from the 2012 data collection from NHS trusts (Gateway ref. 17386)



1. These statistics provide details of the land, currently owned by NHS organisations, which is no longer required, nor likely to be needed for health service purposes in the future. The information was provided by each NHS organisation to the Department of Health through a central data collection.
2. The data collection used to compile these statistics was undertaken during January and February 2012, and was announced in a Dear Colleague letter to all NHS Chief Executives on 12<sup>th</sup> January 2012 (Gateway Ref. 17074).
3. The statistics relate to information available as at 1<sup>st</sup> January 2012.
4. The statistics provide an update to the information published in October 2011 by the NHS and the Department of Health in their document *Disposal Strategy - Land For Housing*. The information will assist in quantifying the contribution of the NHS to the on-going Government initiative of accelerating the release of public sector land for development.
5. The main findings from the 2012 collection, which related to parcels over 0.25 hectares, are:
  - Data was returned by each of the 399 NHS trusts in England at the time of the collection, representing a 100% return rate.
  - Of the total 399 NHS trusts, 188 [47%] declared at least one parcel of surplus or potentially surplus land, whilst 211 [53%] gave a nil response.

<b>Total number of trusts in England</b>	<b>Number of returns received</b>	<b>% return rate</b>	<b>Number of trusts with a positive return (ie land identified)</b>	<b>Number of trusts with a nil return</b>
399	399	100	188	211

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- A total of 414 separate parcels of land were identified by the 188 NHS trusts who declared surplus or potentially surplus land. Some NHS trusts also included some land below 0.25 hectares. Of these 414 plots, 330 plots have a land area of 0.25 hectares or above each, with a total aggregated area of 807.69 hectares. The remaining 84 parcels are each less than 0.25 hectares and have a total aggregated area of 8.85 hectares.

<b>Plot size</b>	<b>Number of parcels</b>	<b>Total hectares</b>
Less than 0.25ha	84	8.85
0.25ha and above	330	807.69
Total	414	816.54

6. The responsibility for the data accuracy and completeness of these statistics remains with the NHS organisation that provided information through the central data collection.