

ICNARC report on COVID-19 in critical care: England, Wales and Northern Ireland 13 November 2020

This report presents analyses of data on patients critically ill with confirmed COVID-19, reported to ICNARC up to 4pm on 12 November 2020, from critical care units participating in the Case Mix Programme (the national clinical audit covering all NHS adult, general intensive care and combined intensive care/high dependency units in England, Wales and Northern Ireland, plus some additional specialist and non-NHS critical care units).

Data are reported separately for patients critically ill with confirmed COVID-19 either at or after the start of critical care:

- admitted from 1 September 2020 to date; and
- admitted up to 31 August 2020.

Please note that adult critical care units in Scotland, paediatric intensive care units and neonatal intensive care units do not participate in the Case Mix Programme.

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Reporting process

Critical care units participating in the Case Mix Programme are asked to:

- log a case with ICNARC by submitting a record, with minimal data, as soon as they have an admission with confirmed COVID-19;
- resubmit data, including first 24-hour physiology, as soon as possible after the end of the first 24 hours in critical care;
- resubmit data for the whole critical care stay, including critical care outcome and organ support, when the patient leaves critical care; and
- submit final data when the patient leaves acute hospital.

Admissions to critical care – COVID-19

ICNARC have logged data for 4485 admissions of 4035 patients critically ill with confirmed COVID-19, either at or after the start of critical care, admitted from 1 September 2020 to date in England, Wales and Northern Ireland. Of these, data covering the first 24 hours of critical care have been submitted to ICNARC for 3744 patients (Figure 1). Of the 4035 total patients, 2690 have outcomes reported and 1345 patients were last reported as still receiving critical care. These patients are compared with a cohort of 10,910 patients with confirmed COVID-19 admitted up to 31 August 2020.

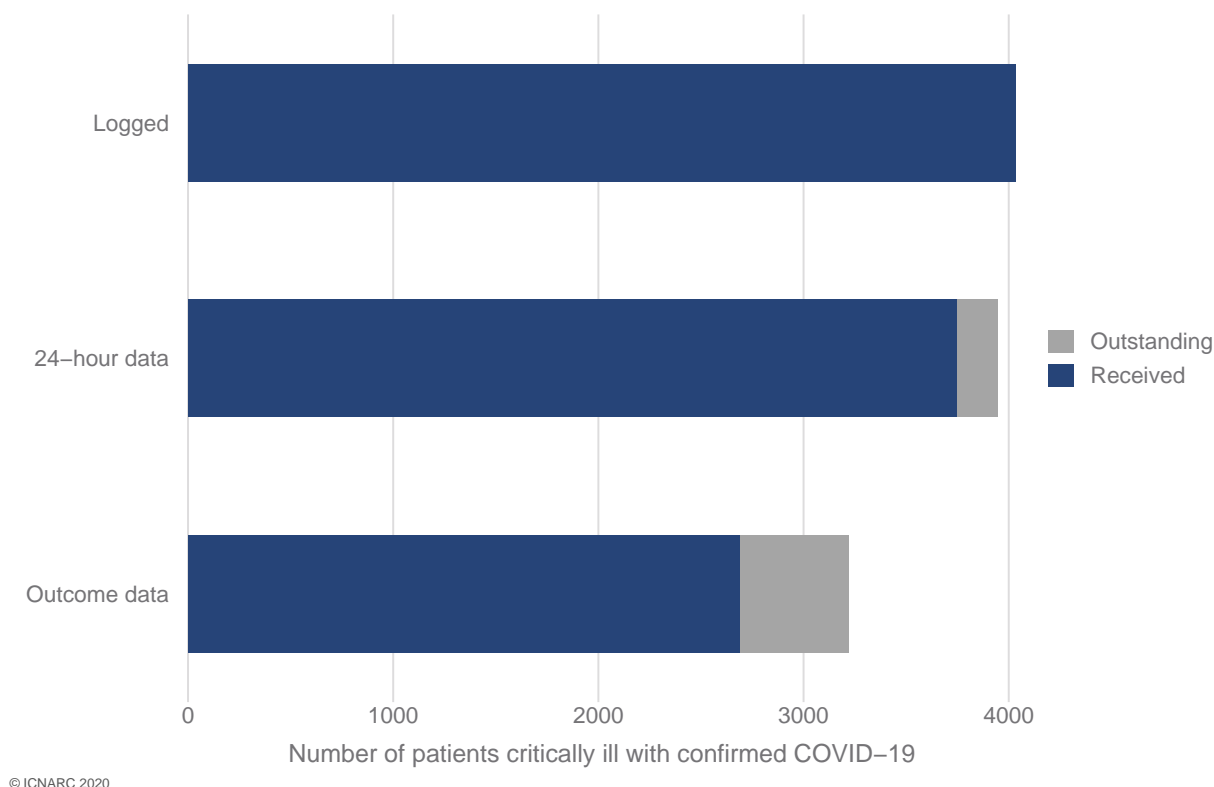


Figure 1. Numbers of critically ill patients with confirmed COVID-19 admitted from 1 September 2020 with data included in this report and outstanding *

* Please note that 24-hour data are considered outstanding when a case was logged at least 48 hours previously and outcome data are considered outstanding when 24-hour data have been received and at least 10 days have elapsed since the start of critical care.

Of the 4035 patients critically ill with confirmed COVID-19 admitted from 1 September 2020 to date, the largest numbers were admitted in the North West, North East And Yorkshire, and Midlands regions (Figure 2). Of the patients included in this week's report, 1433 patients were admitted to critical care within the past 14 days (29 Oct 2020 to 11 Nov 2020). The geographical spread of these patients was similar to that for all patients admitted from 1 September 2020 to date (Figure 3).

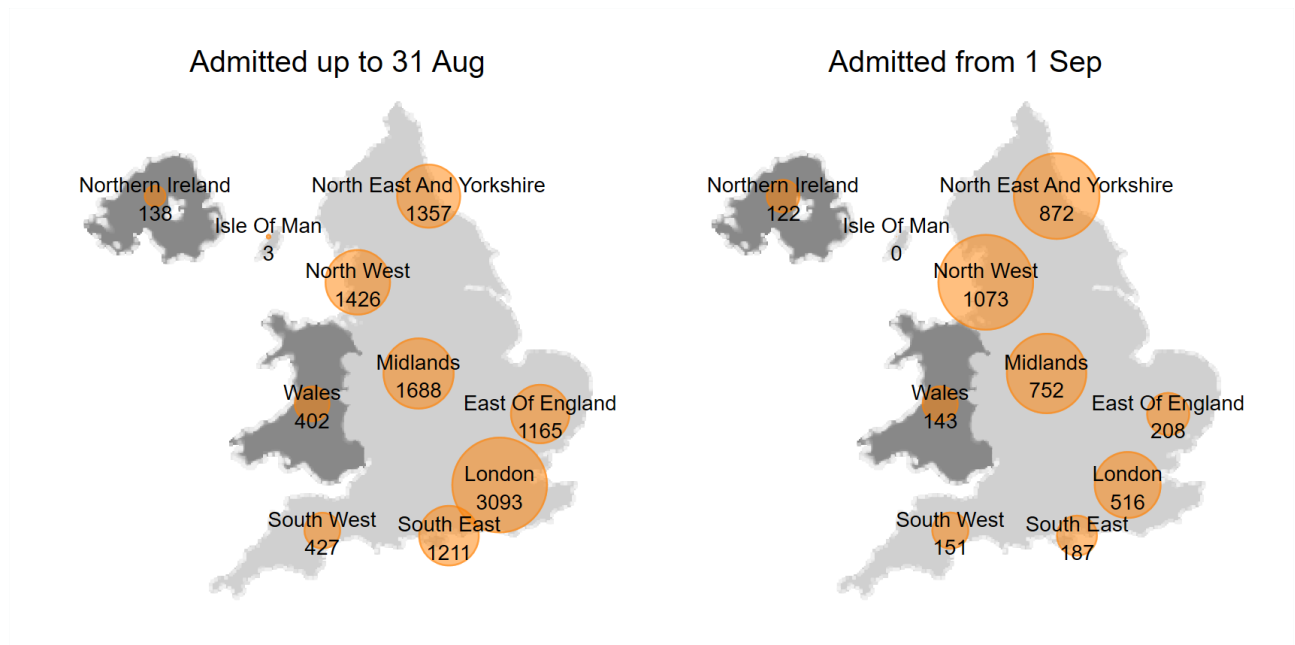


Figure 2. Geographical distribution of patients critically ill with confirmed COVID-19

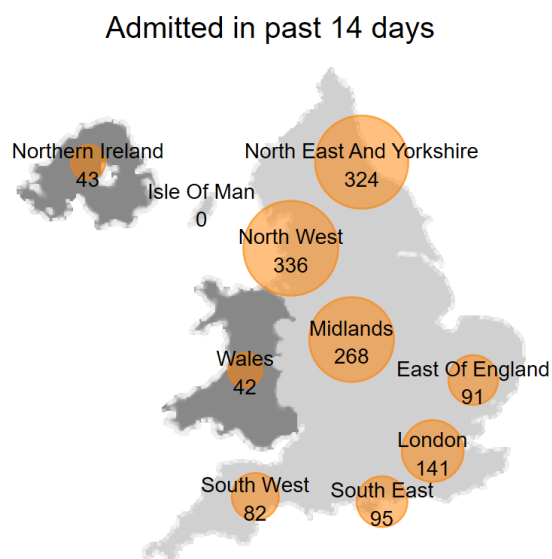
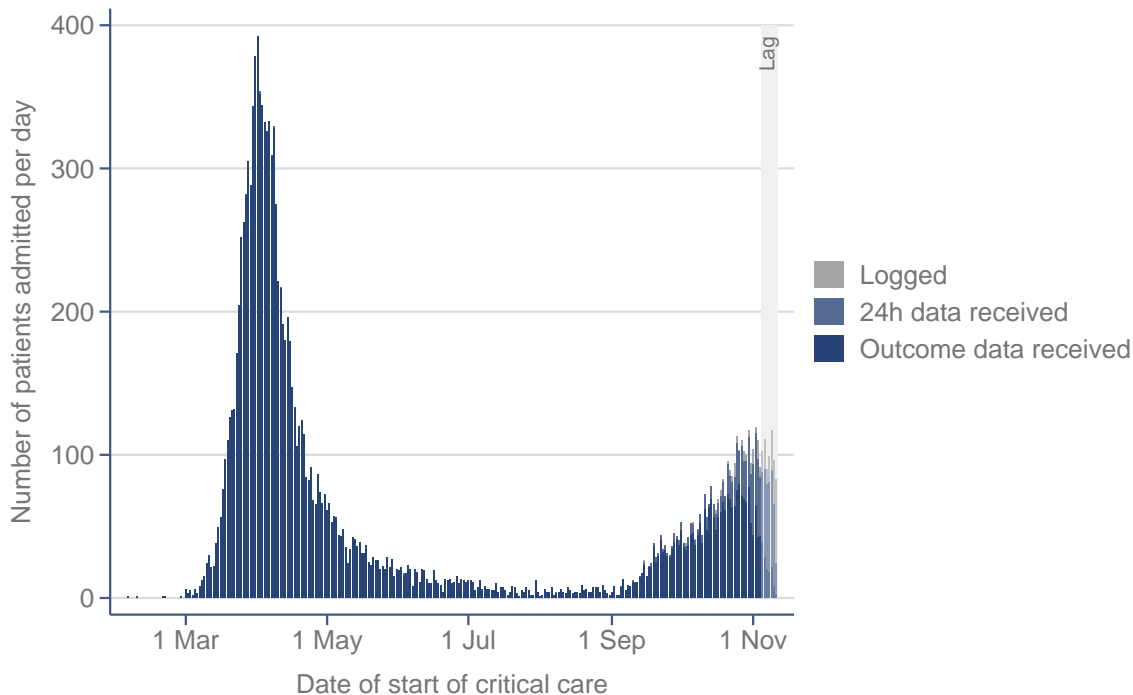


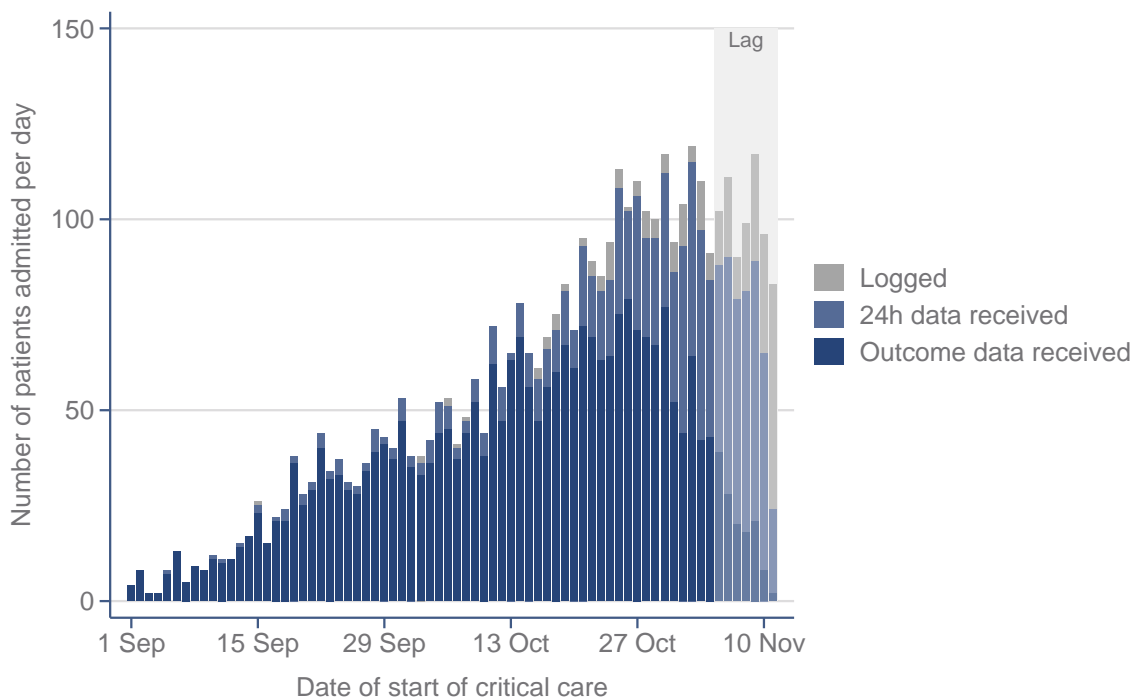
Figure 3. Geographical distribution of patients critically ill with confirmed COVID-19 admitted during the past 14 days

The numbers of new patients, cumulative numbers of patients and numbers of patients in critical care by date are shown in Figures 4-12. Please note that these figures are affected by a variable lag time for submission of data.



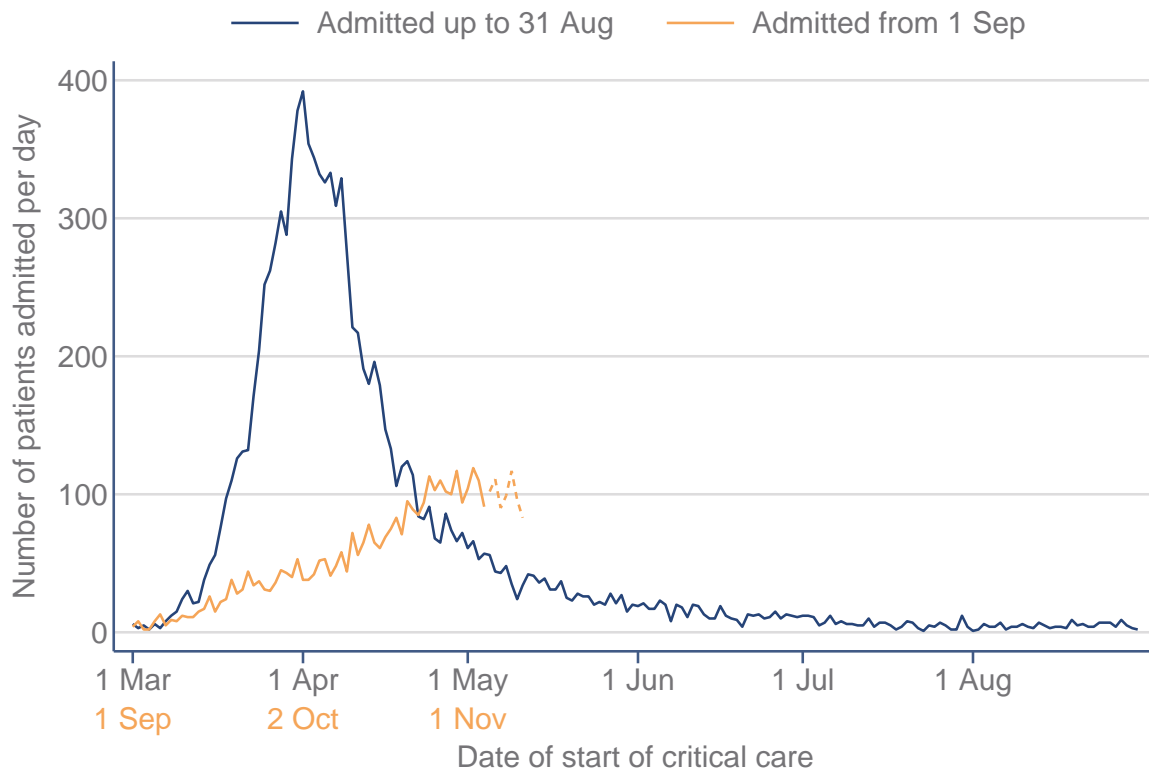
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Figure 4. Number of new patients critically ill with confirmed COVID-19 by date of start of critical care over the entire epidemic



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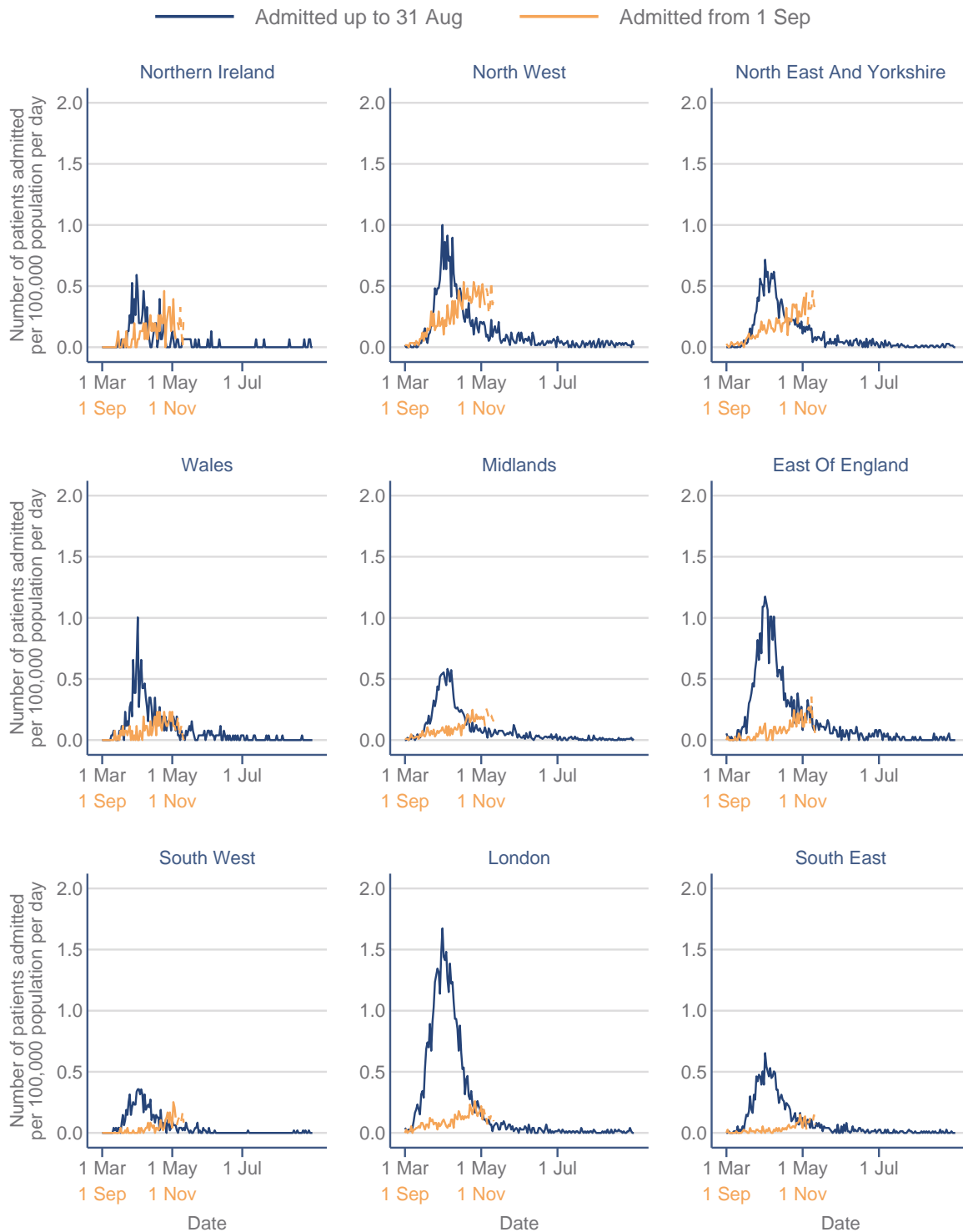
Figure 5. Number of new patients critically ill with confirmed COVID-19 admitted from 1 September 2020 by date of start of critical care



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Figure 6. Comparison of the number of new patients critically ill with confirmed COVID-19 by date of start of critical care from 1 March 2020 to 31 August 2020 versus 1 September 2020 to date *

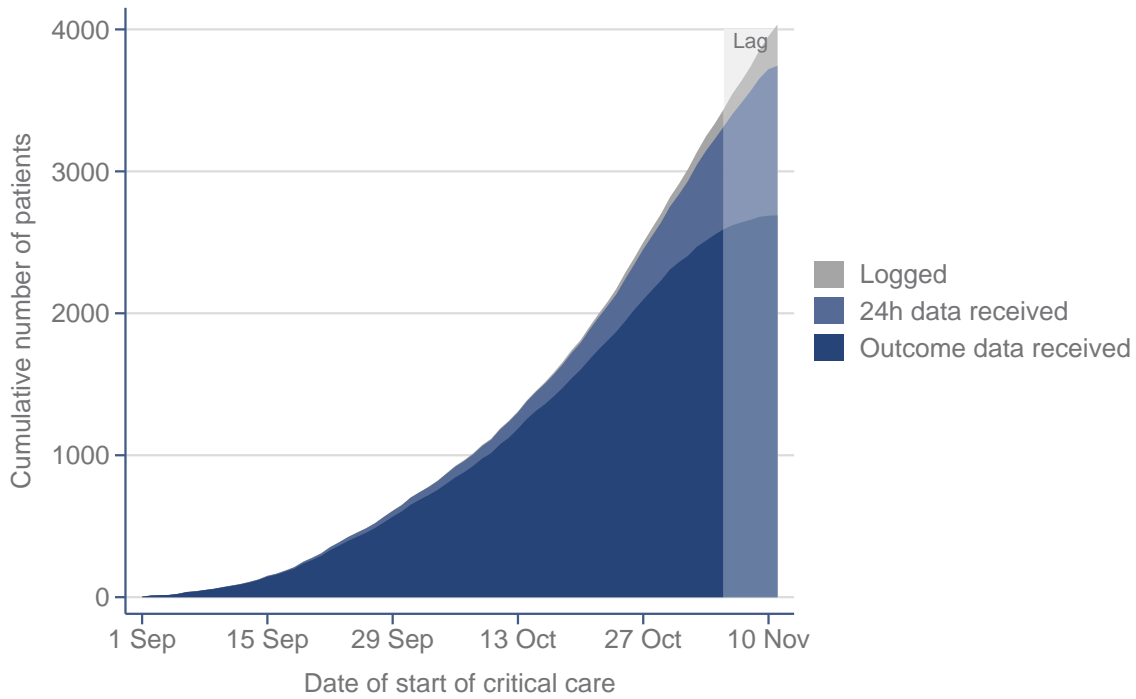
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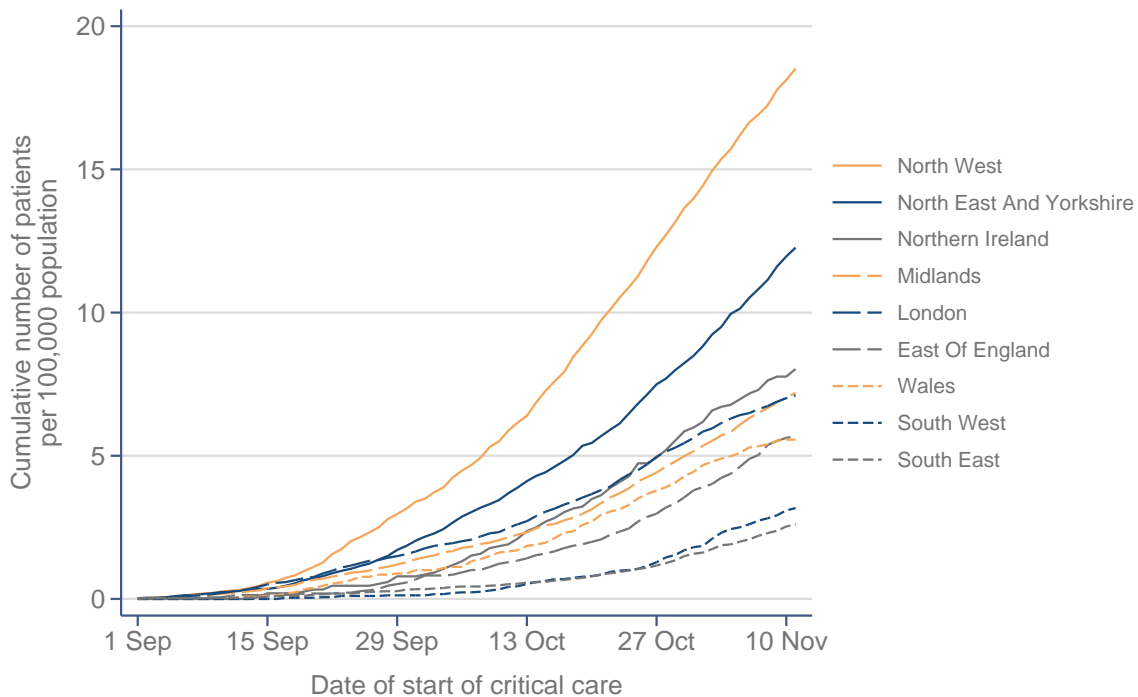
Figure 7. Number of new patients critically ill with confirmed COVID-19 by date of start of critical care from 1 March 2020 to 31 August 2020 versus 1 September 2020 to date by region *

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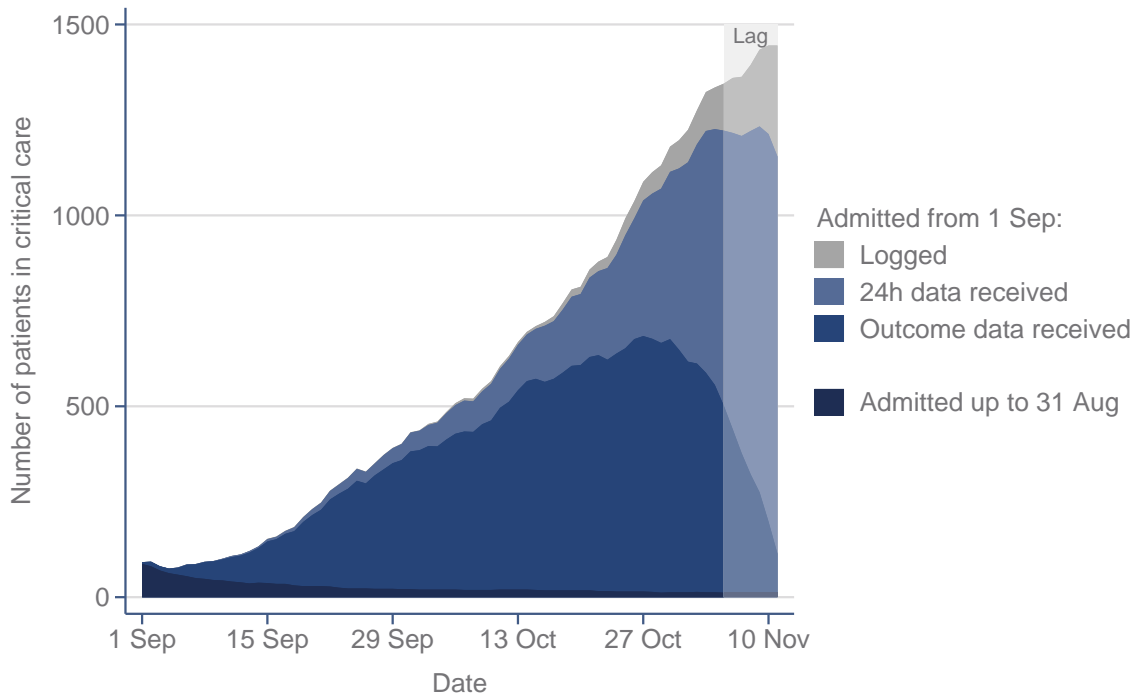
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Figure 8. Cumulative number of patients critically ill with confirmed COVID-19 admitted from 1 September 2020 by date of start of critical care



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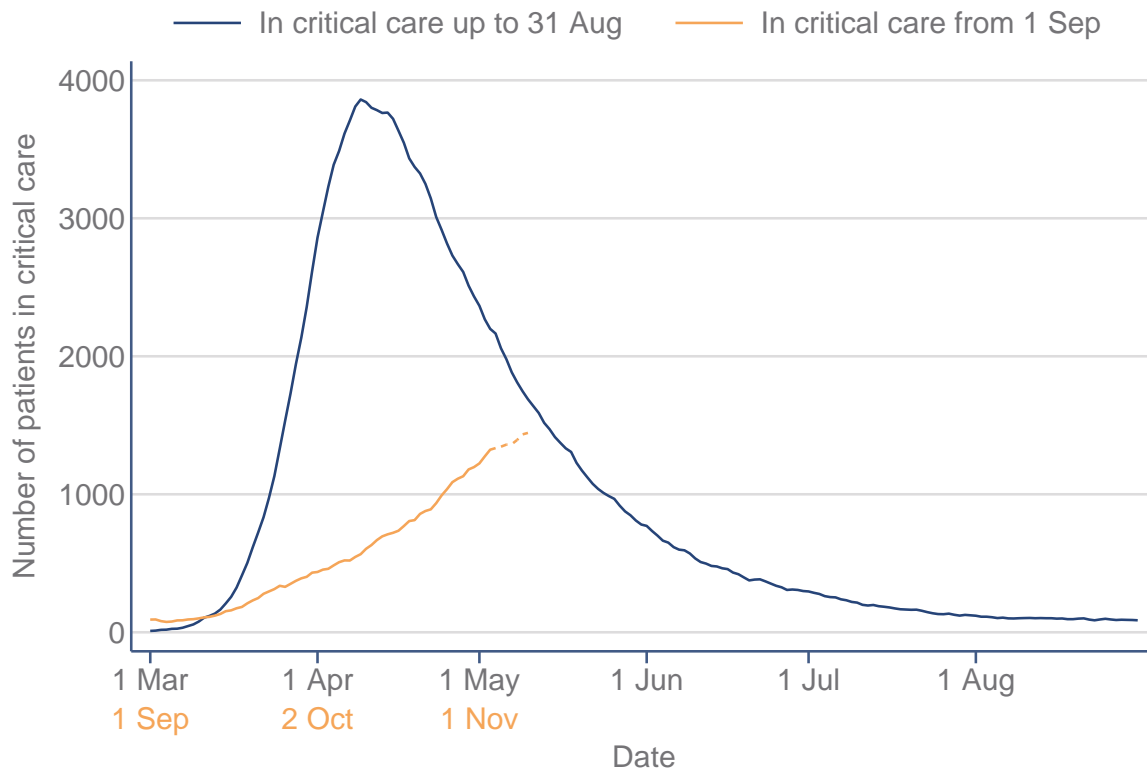
Figure 9. Cumulative number of patients critically ill with confirmed COVID-19 admitted from 1 September 2020 per 100,000 adult population by region



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Figure 10. Number of patients with confirmed COVID-19 in critical care from 1 September 2020 by date *

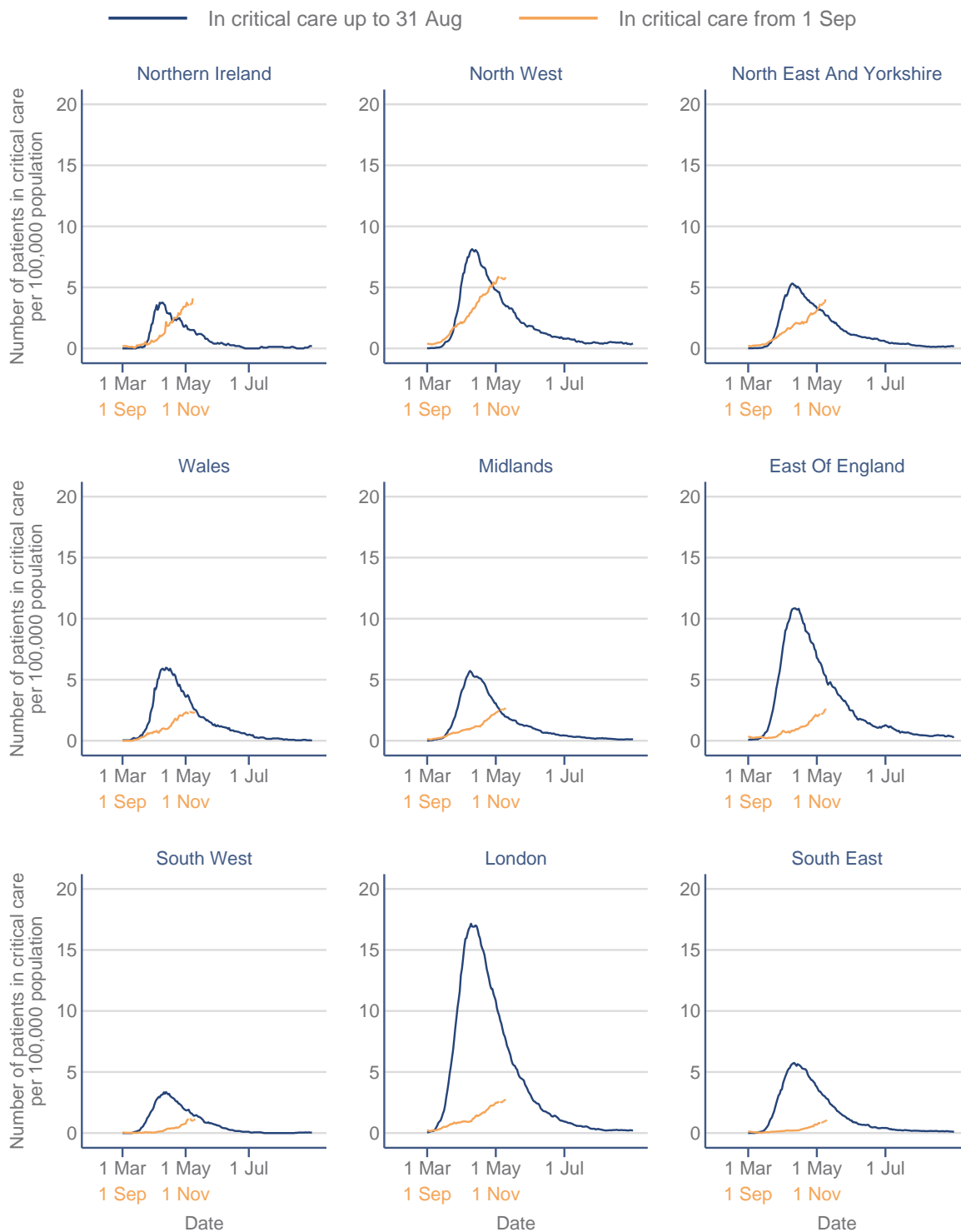
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Figure 11. Number of patients with confirmed COVID-19 in critical care by date * from 1 March 2020 to 31 August 2020 versus 1 September 2020 to date

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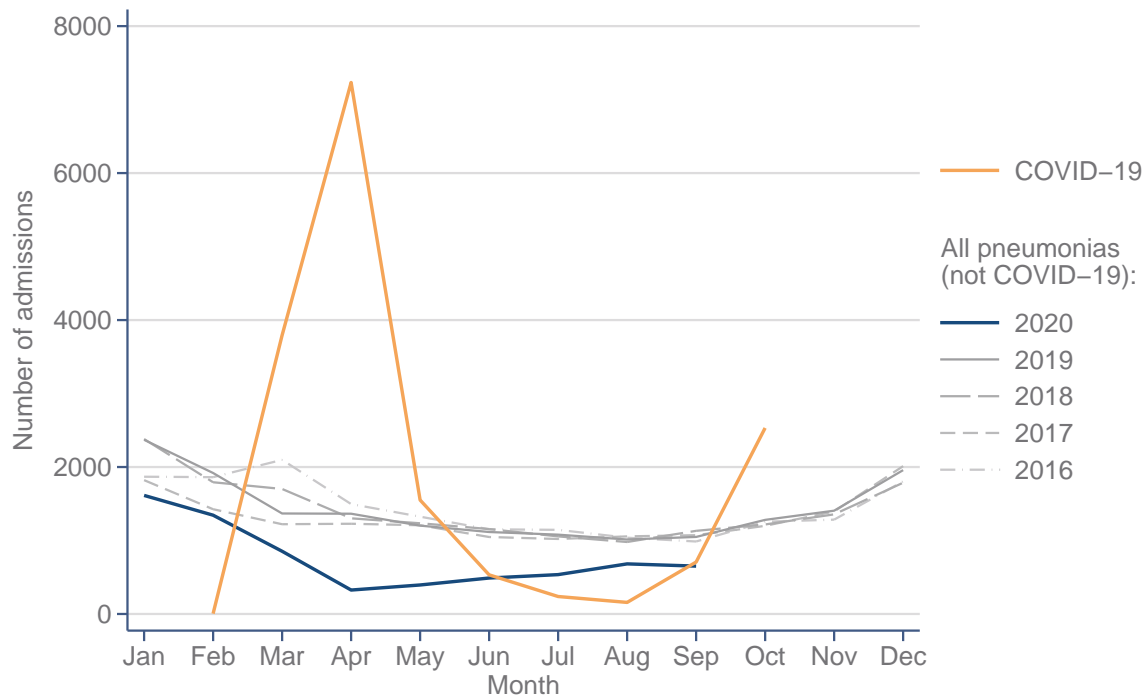
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Figure 12. Number of patients with confirmed COVID-19 in critical care by date * from 1 March 2020 to 31 August 2020 versus 1 September 2020 to date by region

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Admissions to critical care – pneumonia (not COVID-19)

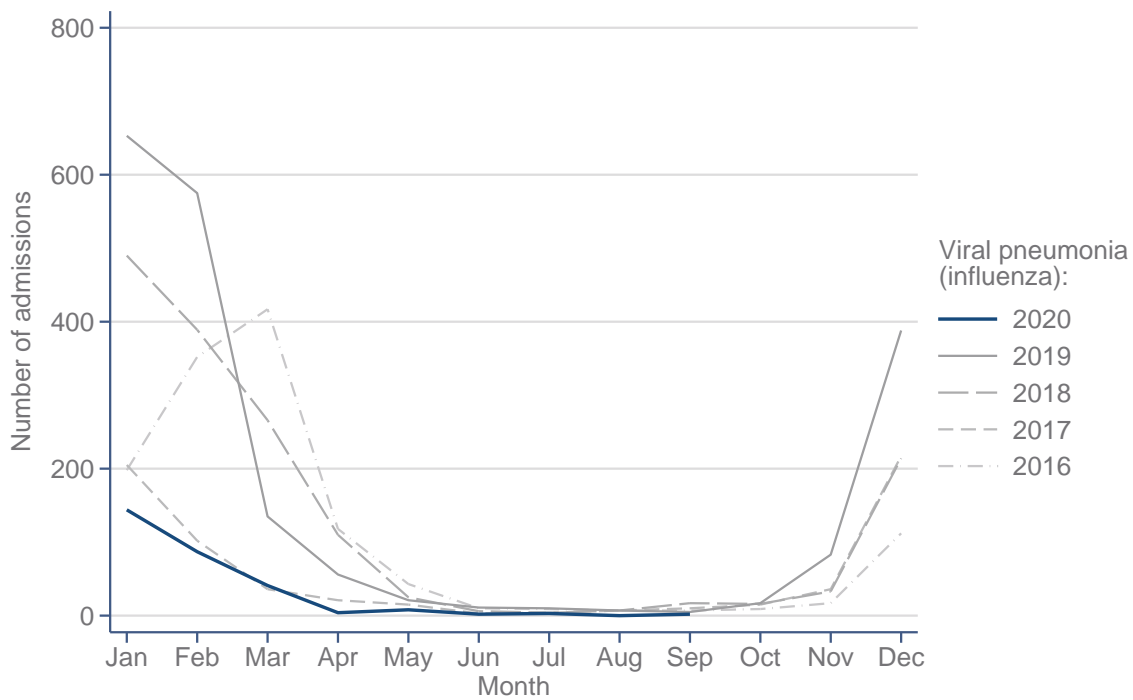
Figure 13 shows the total numbers of admissions to critical care over the past five years by month of admission reported as due to pneumonia (not COVID-19), compared with the numbers with confirmed COVID-19. Figure 14 shows the number of these pneumonia admissions that were specifically coded as due to influenza. Note that not all admissions due to influenza will be coded as viral pneumonia (influenza) as if the organism has not yet been identified, then these will likely be coded under pneumonia (no organism isolated).



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Figure 13. Number of admissions with pneumonia (not COVID-19) by month, 2016-2020 *, compared with confirmed COVID-19 during 2020

* Please note that data for patients without COVID-19 are submitted by participating critical care units either monthly or quarterly.



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Figure 14. Number of admissions with viral pneumonia (influenza) by month, 2016-2020 *

* Please note that data for patients without COVID-19 are submitted by participating critical care units either monthly or quarterly.

Patient characteristics

Characteristics of patients critically ill with confirmed COVID-19 admitted from 1 September 2020 to date are summarised in Tables 1-3 and compared with patients admitted up to 31 August 2020.

Table 1. Patient characteristics: demographics

Demographics	Patients with confirmed COVID-19	
	Admitted from 1 Sep (N=4035)	Admitted up to 31 Aug (N=10,910)
Age at admission (years) [N=4031]		
Mean (SD)	61.0 (13.7)	58.8 (12.7)
Median (IQR)	63 (53, 71)	60 (51, 68)
Sex, n (%) [N=4032]		
Female	1207 (29.9)	3266 (30.0)
Male	2825 (70.1)	7638 (70.0)
Ethnicity, n (%) [N=3721]		
White	2775 (74.6)	6929 (66.0)
Mixed	35 (0.9)	191 (1.8)
Asian	610 (16.4)	1677 (16.0)
Black	154 (4.1)	1003 (9.6)
Other	147 (4.0)	695 (6.6)
Index of Multiple Deprivation (IMD) quintile *, n (%) [N=3958]		
1 (least deprived)	439 (11.1)	1542 (14.3)
2	525 (13.3)	1734 (16.1)
3	655 (16.5)	2077 (19.3)
4	924 (23.3)	2603 (24.2)
5 (most deprived)	1415 (35.8)	2801 (26.0)
Urban/rural classification *, n (%) [N=3864]		
Major conurbation	1830 (47.4)	5212 (48.8)
Minor conurbation	242 (6.3)	336 (3.1)
City and town	1444 (37.4)	3975 (37.2)
Rural	348 (9.0)	1151 (10.8)

* Please see Definitions on page 38.

Table 2. Patient characteristics: medical history

Medical history	Patients with confirmed COVID-19	
	Admitted from 1 Sep (N=4035)	Admitted up to 31 Aug (N=10,910)
Dependency prior to admission to acute hospital, n (%) [N=3559]		
Able to live without assistance in daily activities	3130 (87.9)	9661 (89.4)
Some assistance with daily activities	421 (11.8)	1111 (10.3)
Total assistance with all daily activities	8 (0.2)	40 (0.4)
Very severe comorbidities *, n (%) [N=3645]		
Cardiovascular	33 (0.9)	70 (0.6)
Respiratory	47 (1.3)	123 (1.1)
Renal	67 (1.8)	186 (1.7)
Liver	28 (0.8)	51 (0.5)
Metastatic disease	28 (0.8)	59 (0.5)
Haematological malignancy	67 (1.8)	212 (2.0)
Immunocompromise	158 (4.3)	386 (3.6)
Body mass index *, n (%) [N=3514]		
<18.5	29 (0.8)	79 (0.8)
18.5-<25	694 (19.7)	2637 (25.4)
25-<30	1150 (32.7)	3563 (34.4)
30-<40	1256 (35.7)	3259 (31.4)
≥40	385 (11.0)	828 (8.0)
CPR within previous 24h, n (%) [N=3726]		
In the community	24 (0.6)	50 (0.5)
In hospital	27 (0.7)	76 (0.7)
Prior hospital length of stay [N=3921]		
Mean (SD)	2.7 (7.6)	2.5 (6.2)
Median (IQR)	1 (0, 3)	1 (0, 3)
Currently or recently pregnant, n (% of females aged 16-49) [N=288]		
Currently pregnant	29 (10.1)	29 (3.7)
Recently pregnant (within 6 weeks)	14 (4.9)	41 (5.2)
Not known to be pregnant	245 (85.1)	718 (91.1)

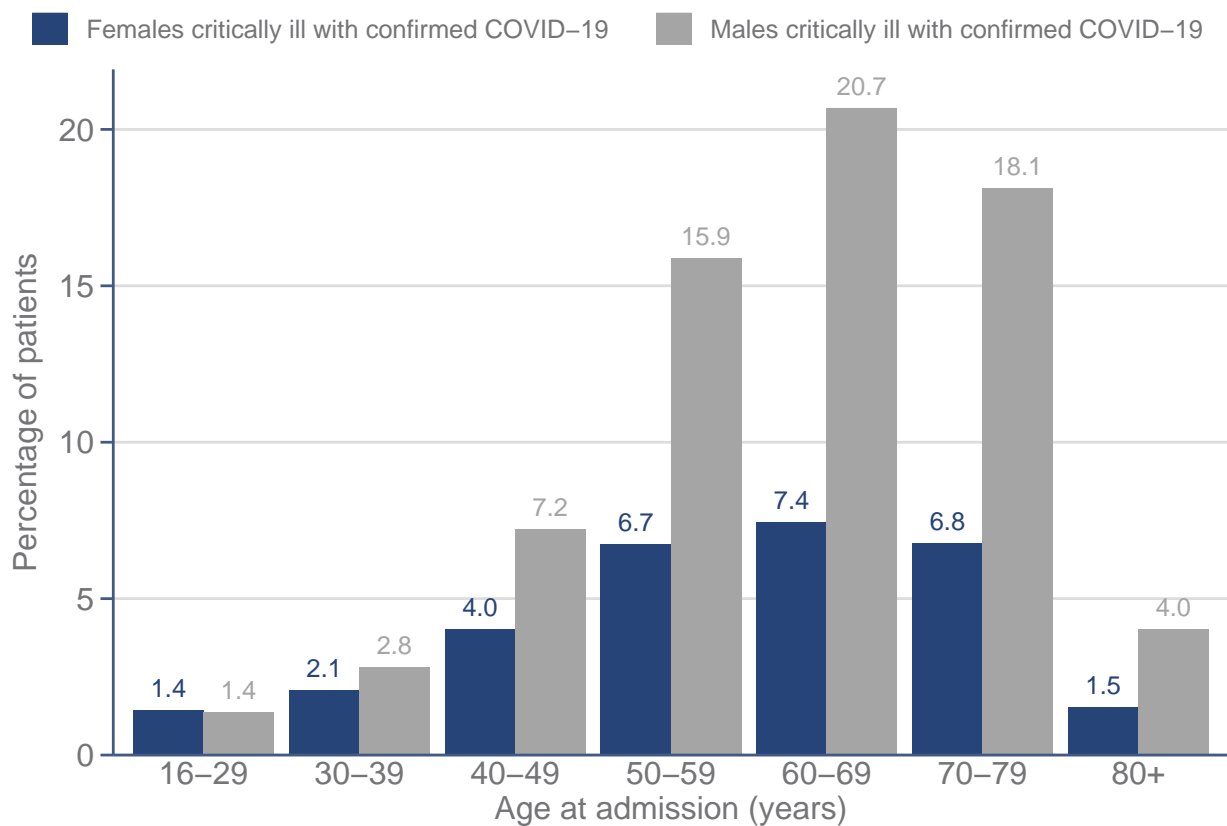
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Table 3. Patient characteristics: indicators of acute severity

Indicators of acute severity	Patients with confirmed COVID-19 and 24h data received	
	Admitted from 1 Sep (N=3744)	Admitted up to 31 Aug (N=10,910)
Invasively ventilated within first 24h *, n (%) [N=3496]	797 (22.8)	5853 (54.3)
APACHE II Score [N=3615]		
Mean (SD)	14.5 (5.3)	15.1 (5.3)
Median (IQR)	14 (11, 17)	15 (11, 18)
PaO ₂ /FiO ₂ ratio † (kPa), median (IQR) [N=3370]	13.5 (10.0, 18.8)	15.8 (11.3, 22.0)
PaO ₂ /FiO ₂ ratio †, n (%) [N=3370]		
< 13.3 kPa (< 100 mmHg)	1649 (48.9)	3802 (37.0)
13.3-26.6 kPa (100-200 mmHg)	1337 (39.7)	4922 (47.9)
≥ 26.7 kPa (≥ 200 mmHg)	384 (11.4)	1552 (15.1)

* Please see Definitions on page 38. Indicators of acute severity are based on data from the first 24 hours of critical care. † Derived from the arterial blood gas with the lowest PaO₂ during the first 24 hours of critical care.

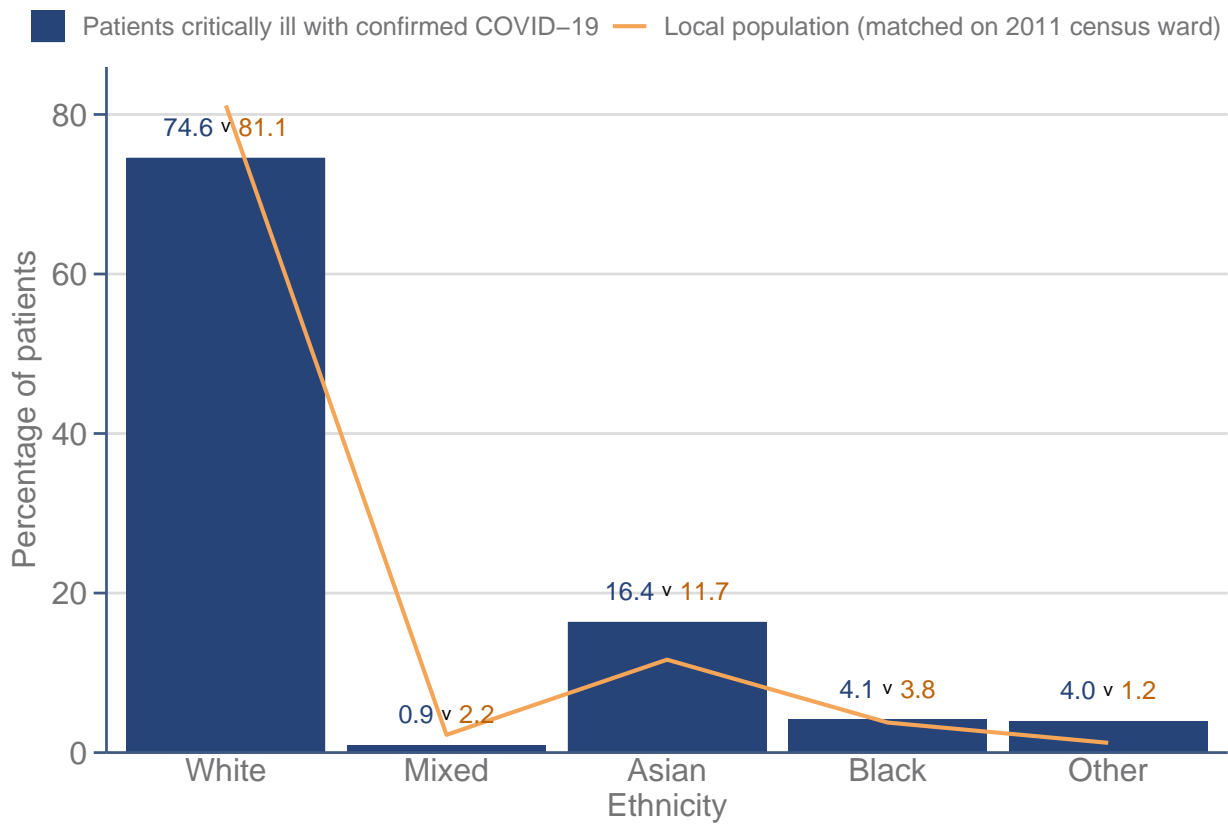
The distribution of age and sex is presented in Figure 15.



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Figure 15. Age and sex distribution of patients critically ill with confirmed COVID-19 admitted from 1 September 2020

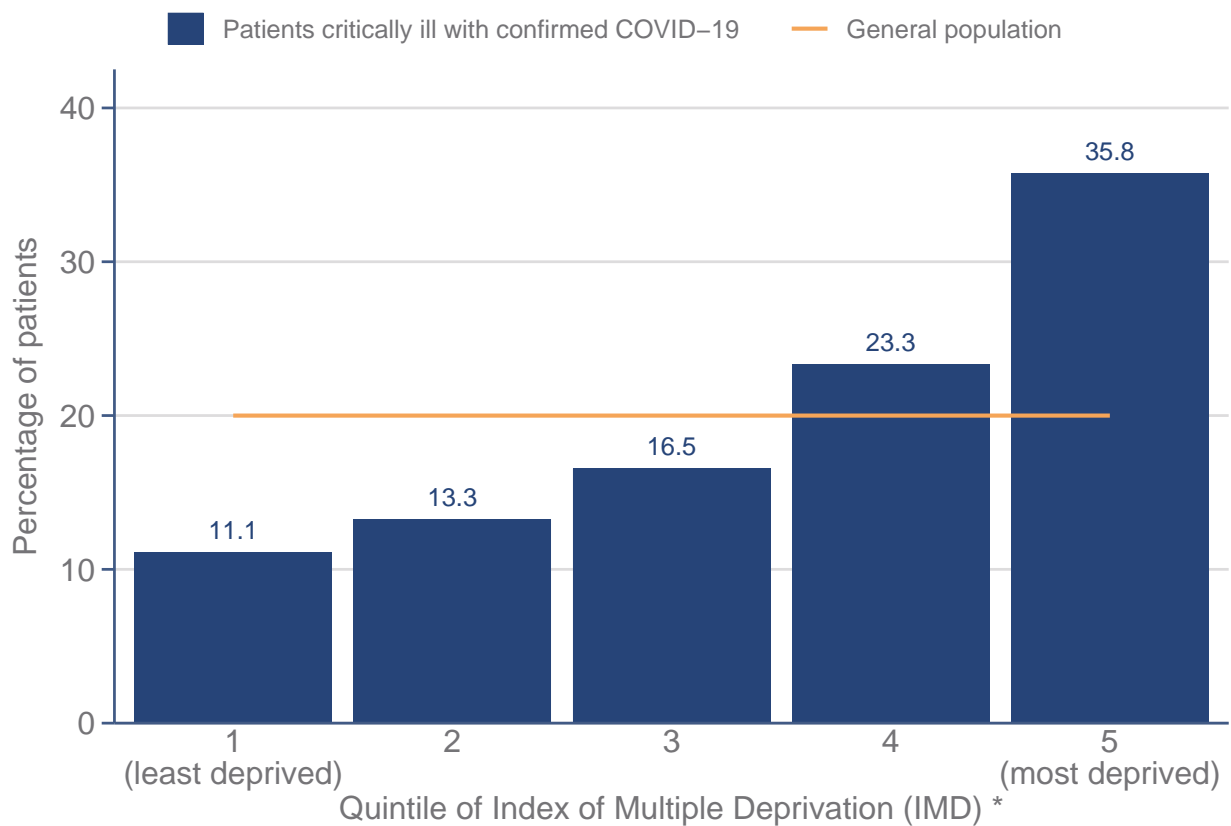
The distribution of ethnicity, matched on 2011 census ward for location of patients critically ill with COVID-19, is presented in Figure 16.



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Figure 16. Ethnicity distribution of patients critically ill with confirmed COVID-19 admitted from 1 September 2020 compared with the local population (linked to 2011 census ward)

The distribution of Index of Multiple Deprivation (IMD) is presented in Figure 17.

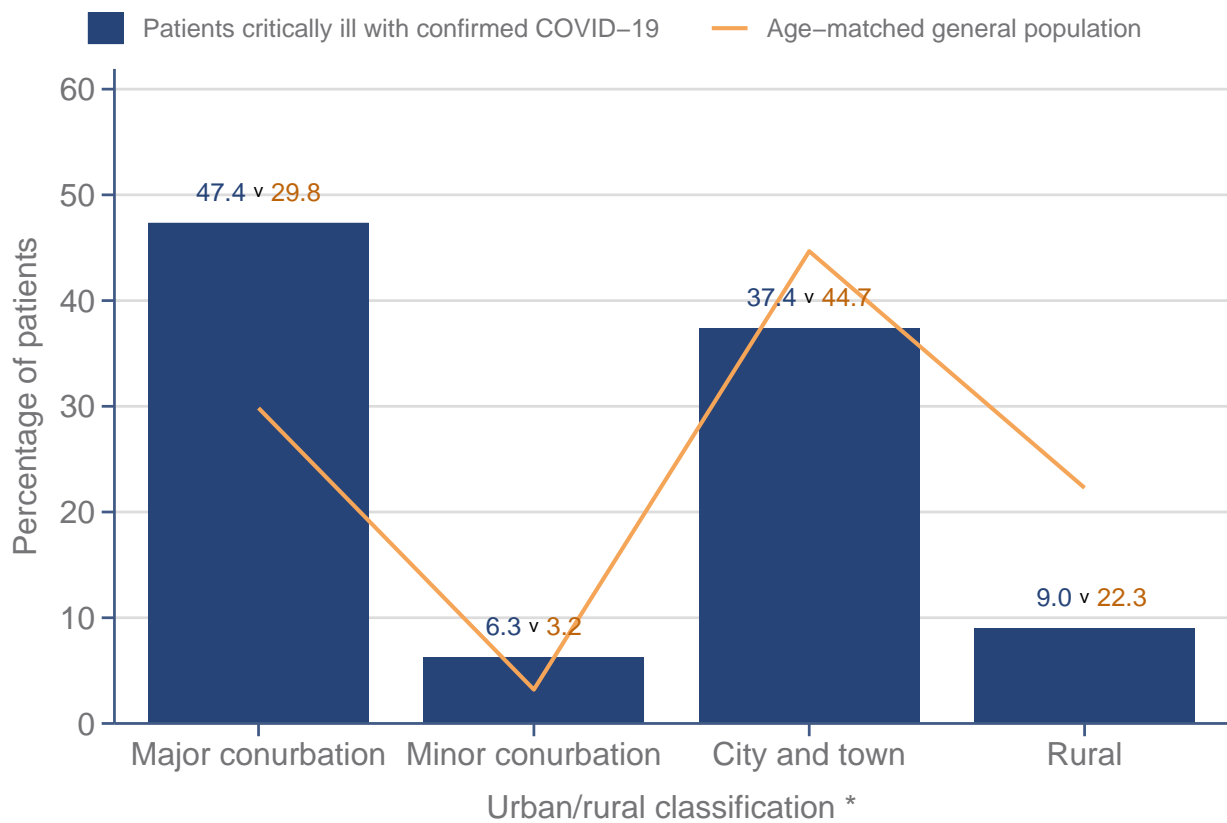


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Figure 17. Index of Multiple Deprivation (IMD) * distribution of patients critically ill with confirmed COVID-19 admitted from 1 September 2020 compared with the general population

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The distribution of patients by the urban/rural classification of their usual residence, compared with the age-matched general population (Office for National Statistics 2020), is presented in Figure 18.

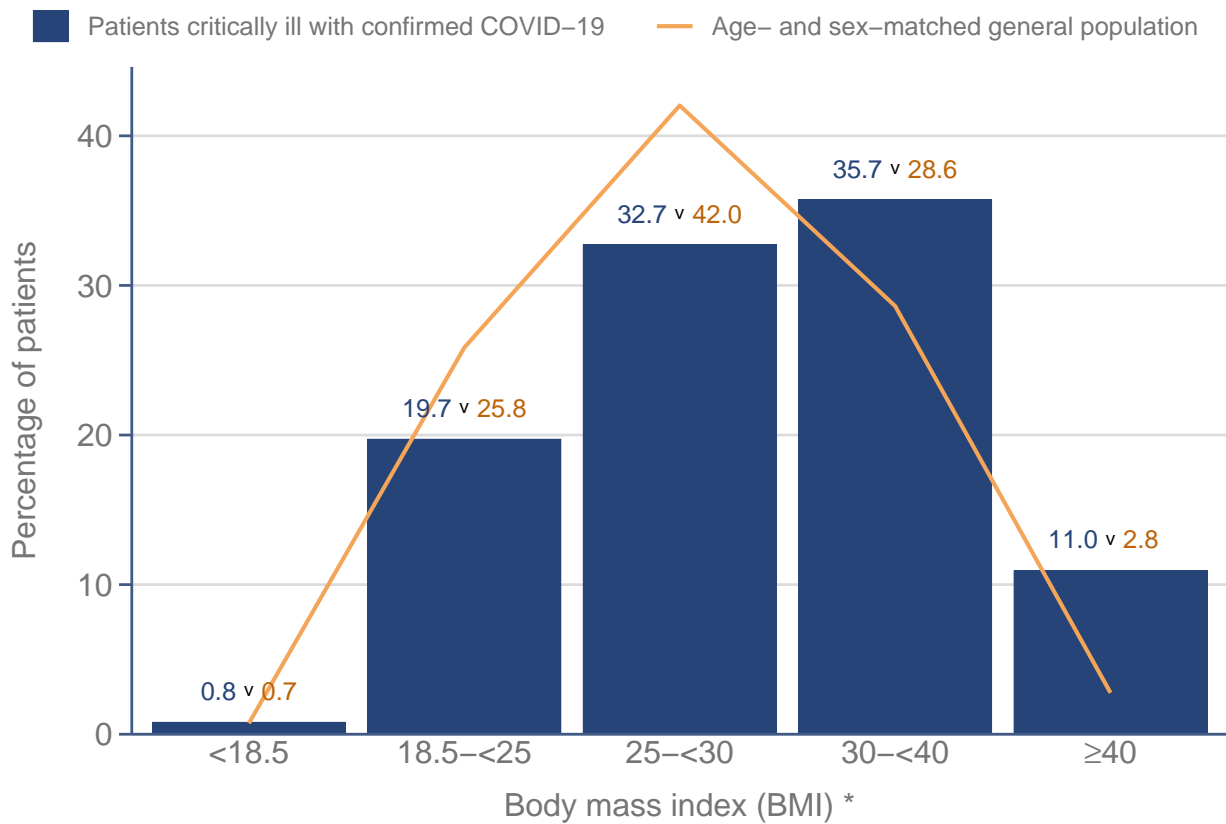


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Figure 18. Urban/rural * distribution of patients critically ill with confirmed COVID-19 admitted from 1 September 2020 compared with the age-matched general population

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The distribution of body mass index (BMI), compared with an age- and sex-matched population (from the Health Survey for England 2018), is presented in Figure 19.



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Figure 19. Body mass index (BMI) * distribution of patients critically ill with confirmed COVID-19 admitted from 1 September 2020 compared with the age- and sex-matched general population (Health Survey for England 2018)

* Please see Definitions on page 38.

Patient characteristics – invasively ventilated first 24 hours

Characteristics of patients critically ill with confirmed COVID-19 and receiving invasive ventilation during the first 24 hours in critical care admitted from 1 September 2020 to date are summarised in Tables 4-6 and compared with patients admitted up to 31 August 2020.

Table 4. Patient characteristics: demographics (invasively ventilated first 24 hours)

Patients with confirmed COVID-19 invasively ventilated first 24 hours *		
Demographics	Admitted from 1 Sep (N=797)	Admitted up to 31 Aug (N=5853)
Age at admission (years) [N=797]		
Mean (SD)	60.3 (13.8)	58.5 (12.0)
Median (IQR)	63 (52, 70)	59 (51, 67)
Sex, n (%) [N=797]		
Female	239 (30.0)	1606 (27.5)
Male	558 (70.0)	4242 (72.5)
Ethnicity, n (%) [N=756]		
White	552 (73.0)	3460 (61.5)
Mixed	5 (0.7)	114 (2.0)
Asian	127 (16.8)	960 (17.1)
Black	34 (4.5)	647 (11.5)
Other	38 (5.0)	442 (7.9)
Index of Multiple Deprivation (IMD) quintile *, n (%) [N=783]		
1 (least deprived)	84 (10.7)	784 (13.6)
2	94 (12.0)	926 (16.0)
3	140 (17.9)	1150 (19.9)
4	193 (24.6)	1482 (25.6)
5 (most deprived)	272 (34.7)	1440 (24.9)
Urban/rural classification *, n (%) [N=733]		
Major conurbation	402 (54.8)	3116 (54.6)
Minor conurbation	26 (3.5)	119 (2.1)
City and town	240 (32.7)	1907 (33.4)
Rural	65 (8.9)	566 (9.9)

* Please see Definitions on page 38.

Table 5. Patient characteristics: medical history (invasively ventilated first 24 hours)

Patients with confirmed COVID-19 invasively ventilated first 24 hours *		
Medical history	Admitted from 1 Sep (N=797)	Admitted up to 31 Aug (N=5853)
Dependency prior to admission to acute hospital, n (%) [N=754]		
Able to live without assistance in daily activities	667 (88.5)	5349 (92.3)
Some assistance with daily activities	86 (11.4)	439 (7.6)
Total assistance with all daily activities	1 (0.1)	10 (0.2)
Very severe comorbidities *, n (%) [N=761]		
Cardiovascular	11 (1.4)	19 (0.3)
Respiratory	4 (0.5)	33 (0.6)
Renal	11 (1.4)	79 (1.4)
Liver	9 (1.2)	23 (0.4)
Metastatic disease	2 (0.3)	20 (0.3)
Haematological malignancy	10 (1.3)	75 (1.3)
Immunocompromise	26 (3.4)	161 (2.8)
Body mass index *, n (%) [N=739]		
<18.5	9 (1.2)	30 (0.5)
18.5-<25	153 (20.7)	1415 (24.9)
25-<30	225 (30.4)	1974 (34.7)
30-<40	264 (35.7)	1843 (32.4)
≥40	88 (11.9)	423 (7.4)
CPR within previous 24h, n (%) [N=778]		
In the community	14 (1.8)	38 (0.6)
In hospital	19 (2.4)	58 (1.0)
Prior hospital length of stay [N=793]		
Mean (SD)	3.0 (5.3)	2.2 (5.3)
Median (IQR)	1 (0, 4)	1 (0, 3)
Currently or recently pregnant, n (% of females aged 16-49) [N=67]		
Currently pregnant	5 (7.5)	9 (2.4)
Recently pregnant (within 6 weeks)	6 (9.0)	22 (5.9)
Not known to be pregnant	56 (83.6)	344 (91.7)

* Please see Definitions on page 38.

Table 6. Patient characteristics: indicators of acute severity (invasively ventilated first 24 hours)

Patients with confirmed COVID-19 invasively ventilated first 24 hours *		
Indicators of acute severity	Admitted from 1 Sep (N=797)	Admitted up to 31 Aug (N=5853)
APACHE II Score [N=797]		
Mean (SD)	16.6 (5.4)	15.6 (5.2)
Median (IQR)	16 (13, 19)	15 (12, 19)
PaO ₂ /FiO ₂ ratio † (kPa), median (IQR) [N=793]	12.4 (8.6, 19.8)	15.5 (10.8, 21.5)
PaO ₂ /FiO ₂ ratio †, n (%) [N=793]		
< 13.3 kPa (< 100 mmHg)	425 (53.6)	2280 (39.1)
13.3-26.6 kPa (100-200 mmHg)	256 (32.3)	2773 (47.5)
≥ 26.7 kPa (≥ 200 mmHg)	112 (14.1)	780 (13.4)

* Please see Definitions on page 38. Indicators of acute severity are based on data from the first 24 hours of critical care. † Derived from the arterial blood gas with the lowest PaO₂ during the first 24 hours of critical care.

Outcomes, duration of critical care and organ support

Critical care outcomes have been received for 2690 (of 4035) patients. Of these, 933 have died and 1757 have been discharged from critical care (Figures 20 and 21). The remaining 1345 were last reported to still be receiving critical care.

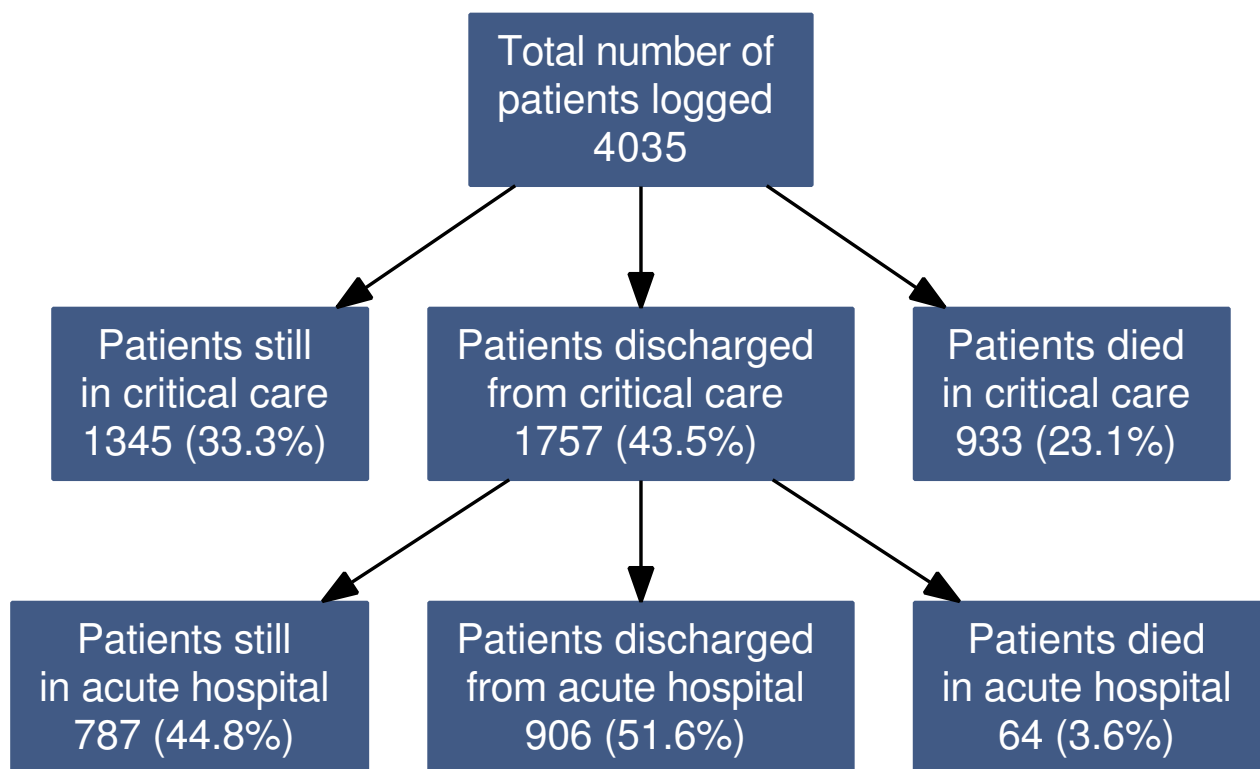
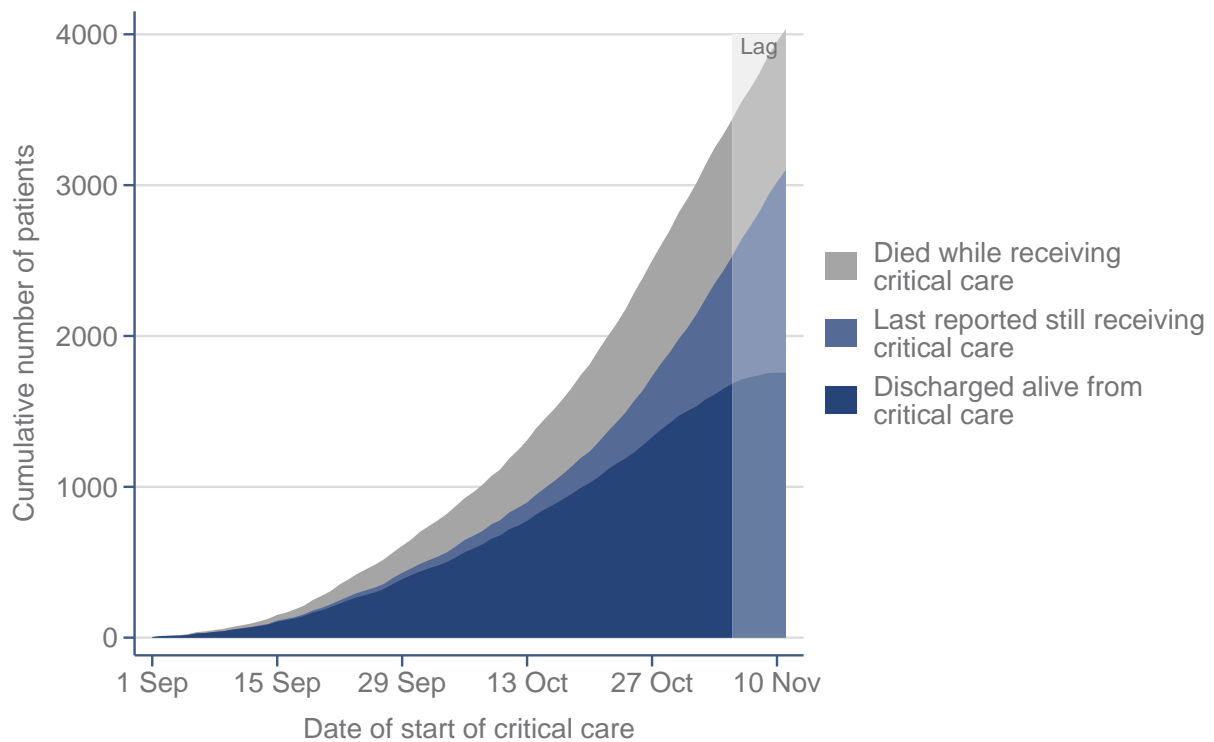


Figure 20. Critical care and acute hospital outcomes for patients admitted from 1 September 2020



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Figure 21. Cumulative outcomes for patients admitted from 1 September 2020 by date of start of critical care *

* Please note that patients whose outcome data have not been received are assumed to remain in critical care as of 12 November 2020.

Critical care outcome, duration of critical care and organ support for patients critically ill with confirmed COVID-19 admitted from 1 September 2020 to date for whom outcomes have been received are summarised in Table 7 and compared with patients admitted up to 31 August 2020.

Table 7. Critical care outcome, duration of critical care and organ support

Patients with confirmed COVID-19 and outcome received		
Critical care outcome	Admitted from 1 Sep (N=4035)	Admitted up to 31 Aug (N=10,910)
Outcome at end of critical care, n (%)		
Discharged	1757 (43.5)	6605 (60.5)
Died	933 (23.1)	4298 (39.4)
Still receiving critical care	1345 (33.3)	7 (0.1)
Duration of critical care	(N=2681)	(N=10,896)
Duration of critical care (days) †, median (IQR)		
Survivors	5 (3, 9)	12 (5, 28)
Non-survivors	9 (4, 15)	9 (5, 16)
Organ support (Critical Care Minimum Dataset) *	(N=2641)	(N=10,899)
Receipt of organ support, at any point, n (%)		
Advanced respiratory support	963 (36.5)	7858 (72.1)
Basic respiratory support only	1573 (59.6)	2778 (25.5)
No respiratory support	105 (4.0)	263 (2.4)
Advanced cardiovascular support	405 (15.3)	3354 (30.8)
Basic cardiovascular support only	2102 (79.6)	7082 (65.0)
No cardiovascular support	134 (5.1)	463 (4.2)
Renal support	303 (11.5)	2919 (26.8)
Liver support	16 (0.6)	114 (1.0)
Neurological support	122 (4.6)	991 (9.1)
Duration of organ support (calendar days), median (IQR)		
Advanced respiratory support	8 (4, 13)	14 (7, 24)
Total (advanced + basic) respiratory support	7 (4, 12)	11 (5, 22)
Advanced cardiovascular support	2 (1, 4)	3 (2, 6)
Total (advanced + basic) cardiovascular support	7 (4, 12)	11 (5, 22)
Renal support	4 (2, 8)	8 (3, 15)

Please note that the results for patients admitted from 1 September 2020 are biased towards patients with shorter lengths of stay in critical care prior to discharge or death, i.e. those who died or recovered quickly. * Please see Definitions on page 38. † Duration of critical care is the total over all critical care admissions for the the same patient and excludes any time spent outside critical care areas (e.g. prior to any readmissions).

Outcomes, duration of critical care and organ support – invasively ventilated first 24 hours

Characteristics of patients critically ill with confirmed COVID-19 and receiving invasive ventilation during the first 24 hours in critical care admitted from 1 September 2020 to date are summarised in Tables 4-6 and compared with patients admitted up to 31 August 2020. Critical care outcome, duration of critical care and organ support for patients critically ill with confirmed COVID-19 and receiving invasive ventilation during the first 24 hours in critical care admitted from 1 September 2020 to date for whom outcomes have been received are summarised in Table 8 and compared with patients admitted up to 31 August 2020.

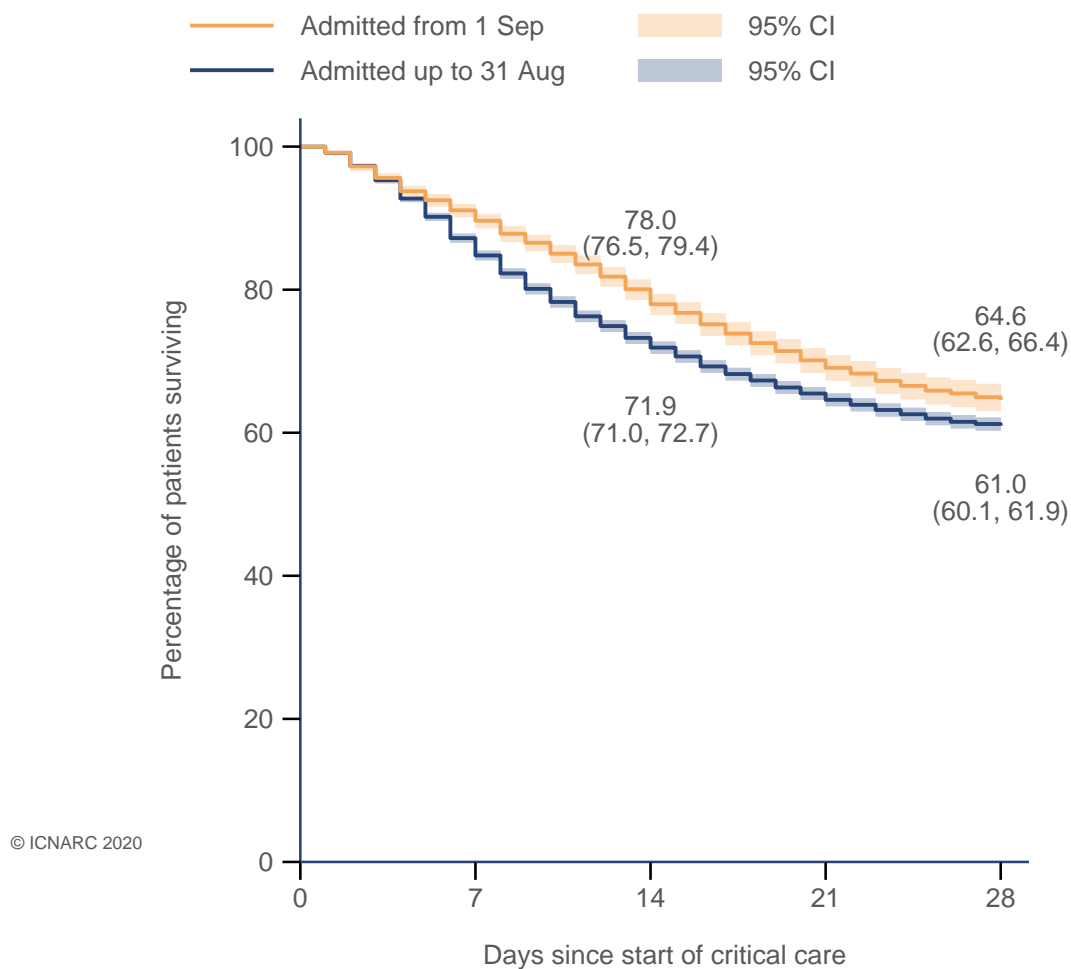
Table 8. Critical care outcome, duration of critical care and organ support (invasively ventilated first 24 hours)

Patients with confirmed COVID-19 invasively ventilated first 24 hours *		
Critical care outcome	Admitted from 1 Sep (N=797)	Admitted up to 31 Aug (N=5853)
Outcome at end of critical care, n (%)		
Discharged	218 (27.4)	3128 (53.4)
Died	266 (33.4)	2722 (46.5)
Still receiving critical care	313 (39.3)	3 (0.1)
Duration of critical care	(N=483)	(N=5846)
Duration of critical care (days) †, median (IQR)		
Survivors	10 (6, 16)	22 (12, 35)
Non-survivors	9.5 (4, 15)	10 (5, 17)
Organ support (Critical Care Minimum Dataset) *	(N=478)	(N=5848)
Receipt of organ support, at any point, n (%)		
Advanced cardiovascular support	191 (40.0)	2384 (40.8)
Basic cardiovascular support only	287 (60.0)	3451 (59.0)
No cardiovascular support	0 (0.0)	13 (0.2)
Renal support	120 (25.1)	2113 (36.1)
Liver support	9 (1.9)	79 (1.4)
Neurological support	61 (12.8)	713 (12.2)
Duration of organ support (calendar days), median (IQR)		
Advanced respiratory support	8 (4, 13)	14 (7, 24)
Total (advanced + basic) respiratory support	10 (5, 15)	15 (8, 26)
Advanced cardiovascular support	2 (1, 4)	3 (2, 6)
Total (advanced + basic) cardiovascular support	10 (5, 15)	15 (8, 26)
Renal support	4 (2, 10)	8 (4, 16)

Please note that the results for patients admitted from 1 September 2020 are biased towards patients with shorter lengths of stay in critical care prior to discharge or death, i.e. those who died or recovered quickly. * Please see Definitions on page 38. † Duration of critical care is the total over all critical care admissions for the the same patient and excludes any time spent outside critical care areas (e.g. prior to any readmissions).

28-day in-hospital outcome

A Kaplan-Meier plot of in-hospital survival to 28 days following admission to critical care for patients critically ill with confirmed COVID-19 admitted from 1 September 2020 to date is shown in Figure 22 and compared with patients admitted up to 31 August 2020.



Admitted from 1 Sep

At risk	3741	2859	1931	1283	904
Died (in hospital)	0	370	703	899	975
Censored	0	512	1107	1559	1862

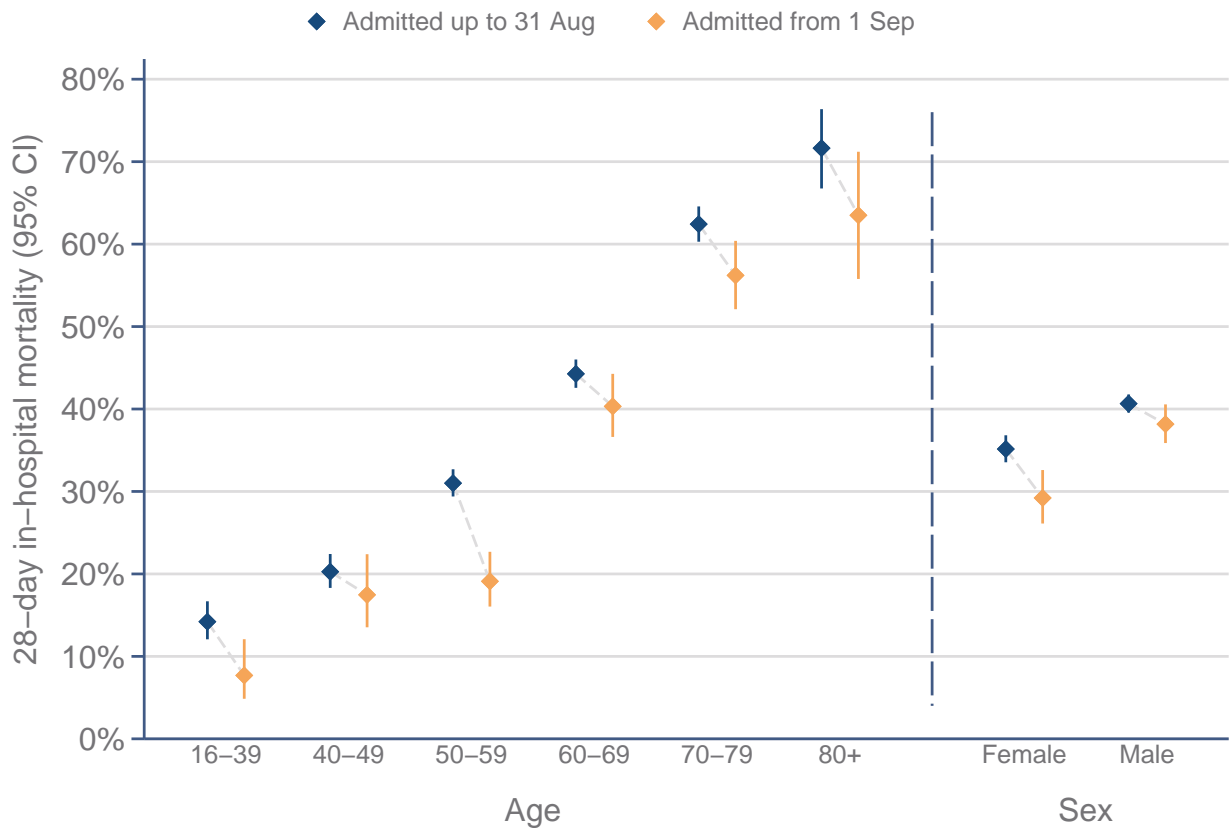
Admitted up to 31 Aug

At risk	10910	9248	7842	7045	6649
Died (in hospital)	0	1660	3065	3861	4255
Censored	0	2	3	4	6

Figure 22. In-hospital survival to 28 days following admission to critical care

Kaplan-Meier survival analysis. Patients last reported to be still receiving critical care censored on the most recent date of data submission by the treating unit. Patients discharged from acute hospital within 28 days assumed to survive to 28 days. Please note that these survival curves are not adjusted for differences in patient characteristics (see Tables 1-3).

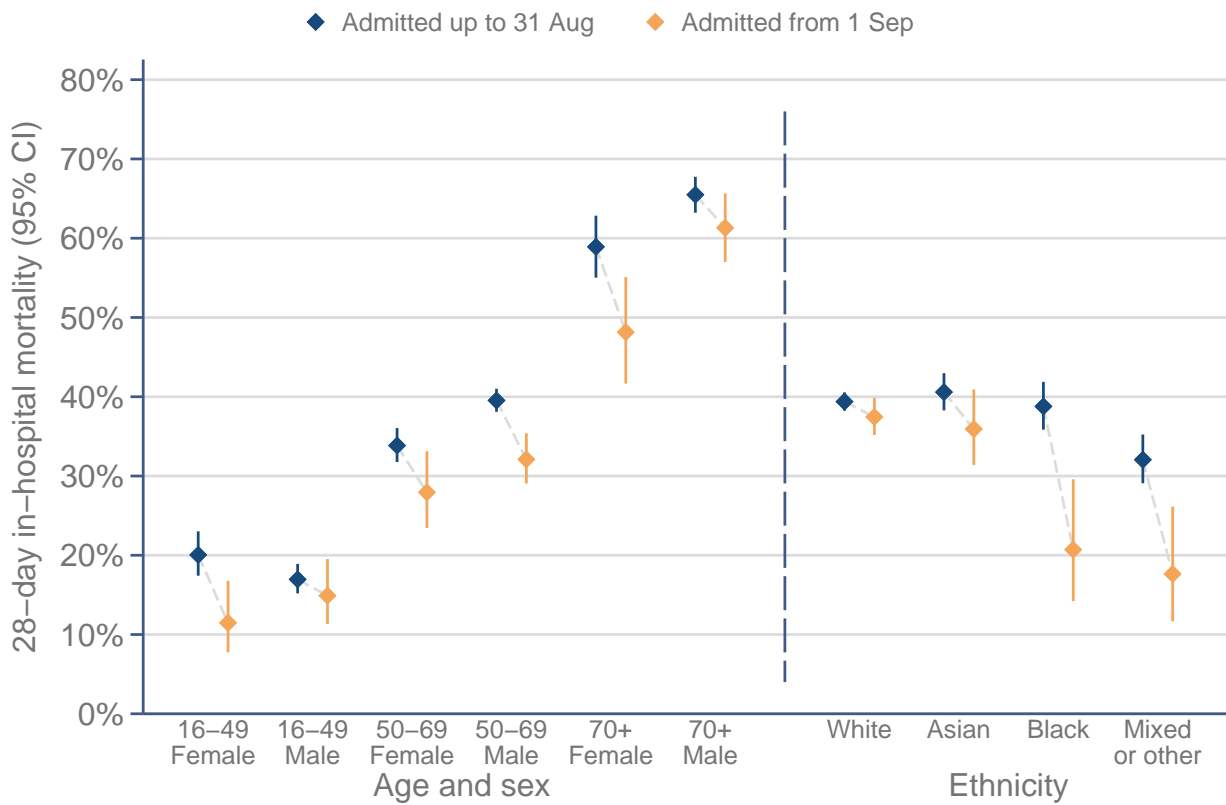
28-day in-hospital mortality for patients critically ill with confirmed COVID-19 admitted from 1 September 2020 to date by patient characteristics (demographics, medical history and indicators of acute severity) is presented in Figures 23-26 and compared with patients admitted up to 31 August 2020.



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Figure 23. 28-day in-hospital mortality by patient characteristics (demographics)

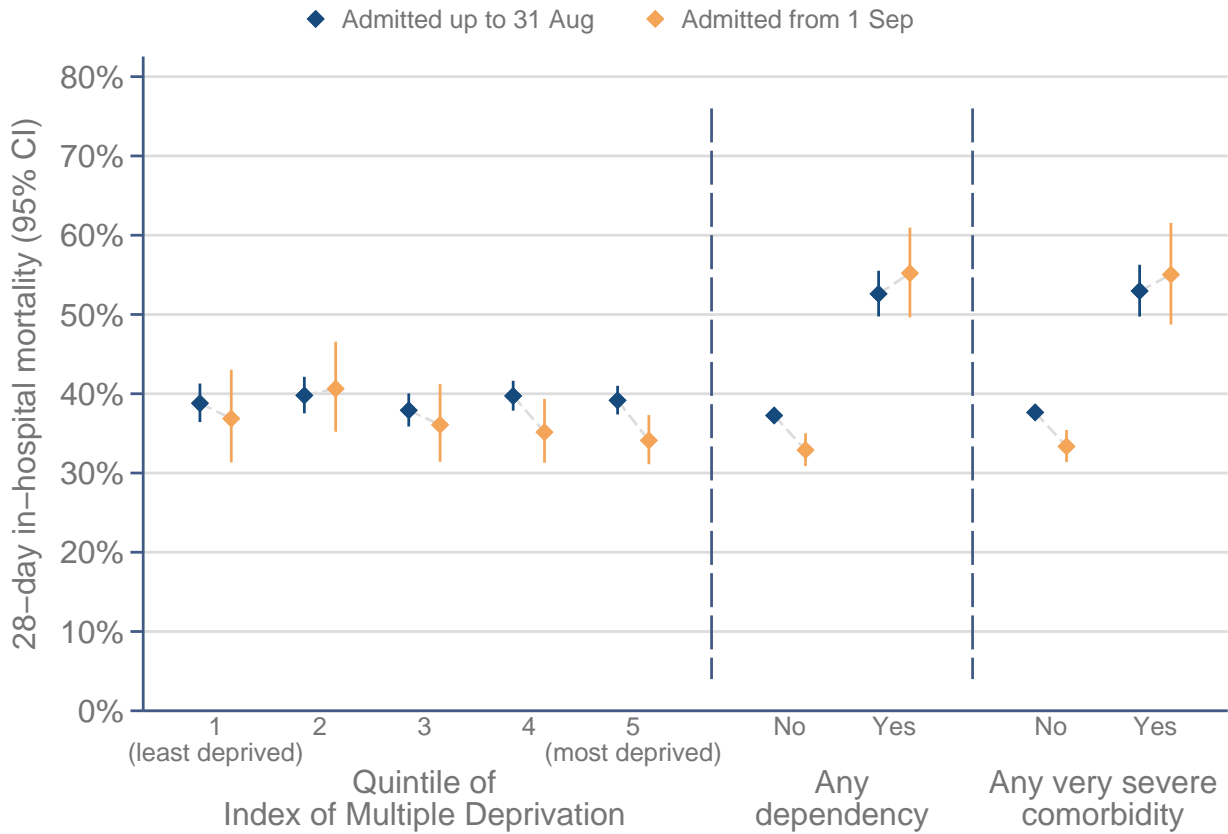
Estimates of 28-day in-hospital mortality based on Kaplan-Meier survival analysis. Patients last reported to be still receiving critical care censored on the most recent date of data submission by the treating unit. Patients discharged from acute hospital within 28 days assumed to survive to 28 days. Please note that these estimates are not adjusted for differences in other patient characteristics (see Tables 1-3).



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Figure 24. 28-day in-hospital mortality by patient characteristics (demographics continued)

Estimates of 28-day in-hospital mortality based on Kaplan-Meier survival analysis. Patients last reported to be still receiving critical care censored on the most recent date of data submission by the treating unit. Patients discharged from acute hospital within 28 days assumed to survive to 28 days. Please note that these estimates are not adjusted for differences in other patient characteristics (see Tables 1-3).



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Figure 25. 28-day in-hospital mortality by patient characteristics (demographics and medical history)

Estimates of 28-day in-hospital mortality based on Kaplan-Meier survival analysis. Patients last reported to be still receiving critical care censored on the most recent date of data submission by the treating unit. Patients discharged from acute hospital within 28 days assumed to survive to 28 days. Please note that these estimates are not adjusted for differences in other patient characteristics (see Tables 1-3).

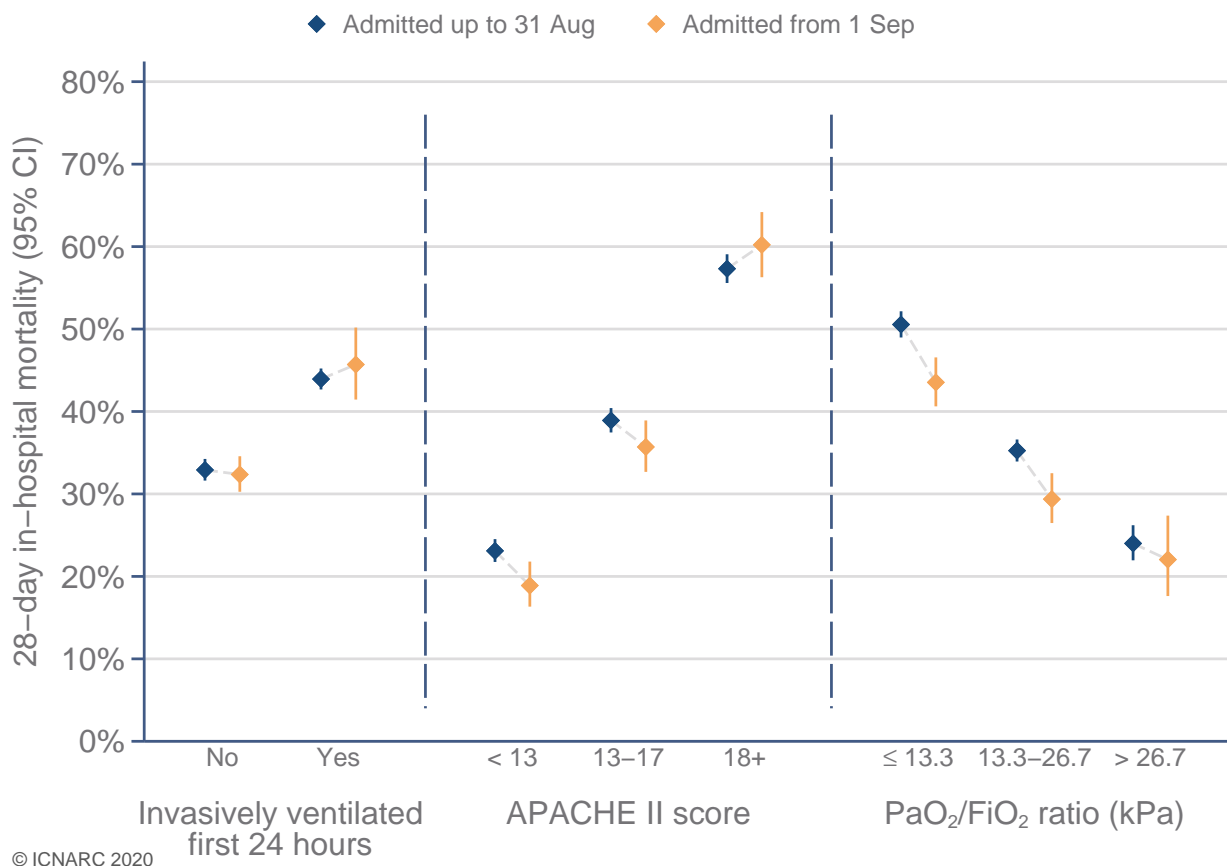


Figure 26. 28-day in-hospital mortality by patient characteristics (indicators of acute severity *)

Estimates of 28-day in-hospital mortality based on Kaplan-Meier survival analysis. Patients last reported to be still receiving critical care censored on the most recent date of data submission by the treating unit. Patients discharged from acute hospital within 28 days assumed to survive to 28 days. Please note that these estimates are not adjusted for differences in other patient characteristics (see Tables 1-3). * Please see Definitions on page 38. Indicators of acute severity are based on data from the first 24 hours of critical care.

Additional analyses for patients admitted up to 31 August 2020

Updated outcomes up to discharge from acute hospital for patients critically ill with confirmed COVID-19 admitted up to 31 August 2020 are shown in Figure 27.

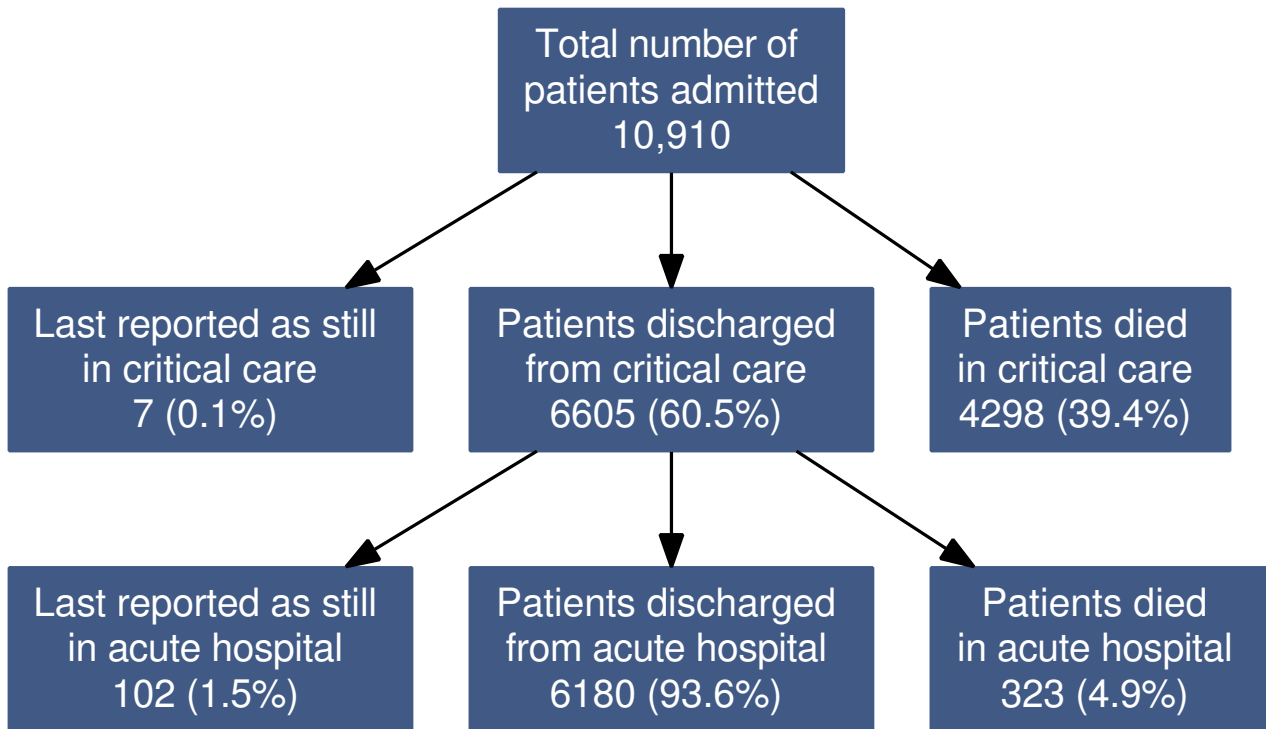
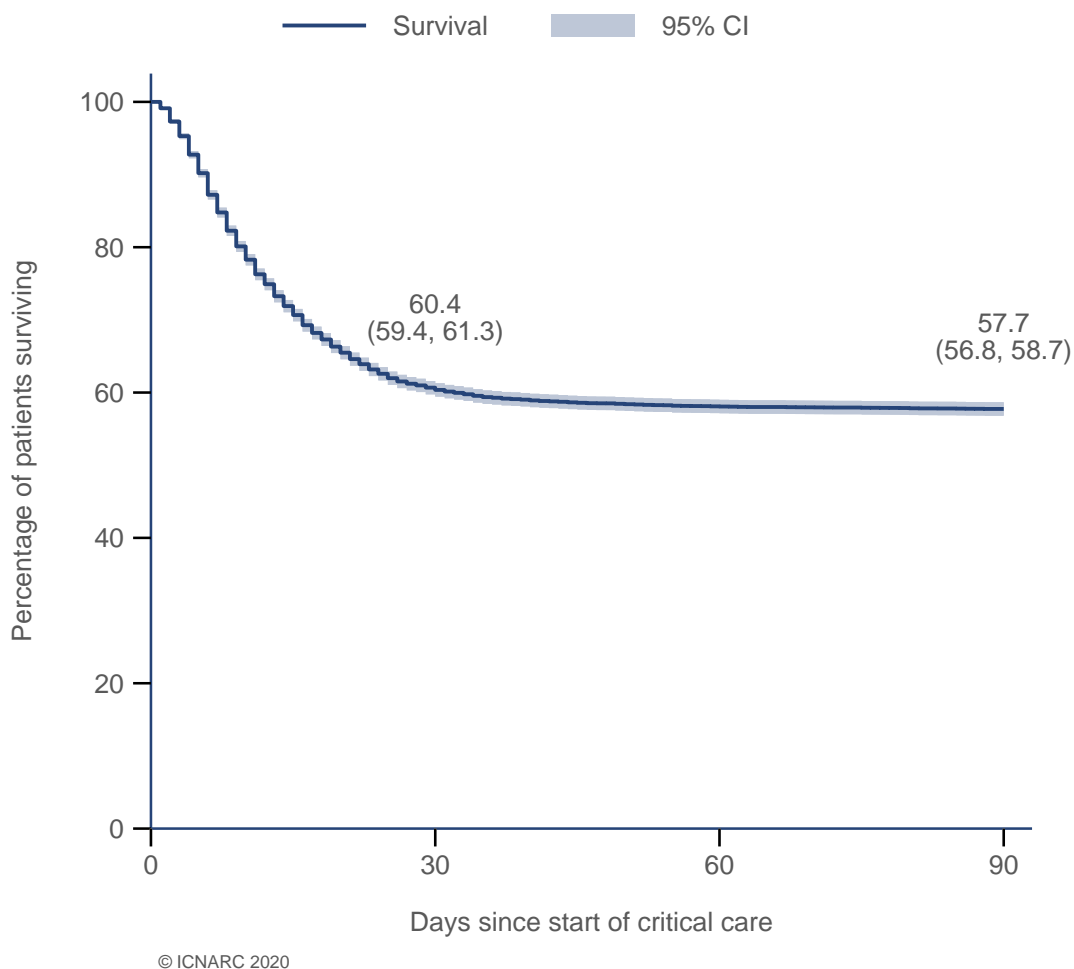


Figure 27. Critical care and acute hospital outcomes for patients admitted up to 31 August 2020

A Kaplan-Meier plot of in-hospital survival to 90 days following admission to critical care for patients critically ill with confirmed COVID-19 admitted up to 31 August 2020 is shown in Figure 28.



At risk	10910	6580	6299	6191
Died (in hospital)	0	4323	4572	4608
Censored	0	7	39	111

Figure 28. In-hospital survival to 90 days following admission to critical care for patients admitted up to 31 August 2020

Definitions

Ethnicity is recorded using the ethnic category codes from the 2001 census and grouped as:

- White: White – British; White – Irish; White – any other
- Mixed: Mixed – white and black Caribbean; Mixed – white and black African; Mixed – white and Asian; Mixed – any other
- Asian: Asian or Asian British – Indian; Asian or Asian British – Pakistani; Asian or Asian British – Bangladeshi; Asian or Asian British – any other
- Black: Black or black British – Caribbean; Black or black British – African; Black or black British – any other
- Other: Other ethnic group – Chinese; Any other ethnic group
- Not stated or not recorded

Index of Multiple Deprivation (IMD) is based on the patient's usual residential postcode (assigned at the level of Lower Layer Super Output Area) according to:

- English Index of Multiple Deprivation 2019 for postcodes in England
- Welsh Index of Multiple Deprivation 2019 for postcodes in Wales
- Northern Ireland Multiple Deprivation Measure 2017 for postcodes in Northern Ireland

Urban/rural classification is based on the patient's usual residential postcode (assigned at the level of Output Area) and categorised according to 2011 census categories as:

- Urban: the majority of the population lives within settlements with a population of more than 10,000 people, subcategorised according to dwelling densities for every 100m x 100m square and the density in squares at varying distances around each square as either Major conurbation, Minor conurbation, or City or town
- Rural: the majority of the population lives within settlements with a population of less than 10,000 people (combining the categories Town and fringe, Village, and Hamlet or isolated dwellings)

Body mass index is calculated as the weight in kilograms divided by the height in metres squared. Weight and height values may have been measured or estimated.

Dependency prior to admission to acute hospital is assessed as the best description for the dependency of the patient in the two weeks prior to admission to acute hospital and prior to the onset of the acute illness, i.e. "usual" dependency. It is assessed according to the amount of personal assistance they receive with daily activities (bathing, dressing, going to the toilet, moving in/out of bed/chair, continence and eating).

Very severe comorbidities must have been evident within the six months prior to critical care and documented at or prior to critical care:

- Cardiovascular: symptoms at rest
- Respiratory: shortness of breath with light activity or home ventilation
- Renal: renal replacement therapy for end-stage renal disease
- Liver: biopsy-proven cirrhosis, portal hypertension or hepatic encephalopathy
- Metastatic disease: distant metastases
- Haematological malignancy: acute or chronic leukaemia, multiple myeloma or lymphoma
- Immunocompromise: chemotherapy, radiotherapy or daily high dose steroid treatment in previous six months, HIV/AIDS or congenital immune deficiency

Invasive ventilation during the first 24 hours was defined as mechanical ventilation (identified by the recording of a ventilated respiratory rate, indicating that all or some of the breaths or a portion of the breaths were delivered by a mechanical device) and sedation (receiving continuous or intermittent doses of agents to produce and maintain a continuous decreased level of consciousness) at any time during the first 24 hours and not reported as having zero days of advanced respiratory support.

Organ support is recorded as the number of calendar days (00:00-23:59) on which the support was received at any time, defined as:

- Advanced respiratory: invasive ventilation, BPAP via trans-laryngeal tube or tracheostomy, CPAP via trans-laryngeal tube, extracorporeal respiratory support
- Basic respiratory: >50% oxygen by face mask, close observation due to potential for acute deterioration, physiotherapy/suction to clear secretions at least two-hourly, recently extubated after a period of mechanical ventilation, mask/hood CPAP/BPAP, non-invasive ventilation, CPAP via a tracheostomy, intubated to protect airway
- Advanced cardiovascular: multiple IV/rhythm controlling drugs (at least one vasoactive), continuous observation of cardiac output, intra-aortic balloon pump, temporary cardiac pacemaker
- Basic cardiovascular: central venous catheter, arterial line, single IV vasoactive/ rhythm controlling drug
- Renal: acute renal replacement therapy, renal replacement therapy for chronic renal failure where other organ support is received
- Liver: management of coagulopathy and/or portal hypertension for acute on chronic hepatocellular failure or primary acute hepatocellular failure
- Neurological: central nervous system depression sufficient to prejudice airway, invasive neurological monitoring, continuous IV medication to control seizures, therapeutic hypothermia

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