

Key statistics from the Case Mix Programme

— adult, general critical care units

1 April 2017 to 31 March 2018

Note: The Case Mix Programme Annual Quality Report 2017/18 for adult critical care is available online at <https://onlinereports.icnarc.org>

Critical care units in the Case Mix Programme

Between 1 April 2017 and 31 March 2018, there were a total of 251 NHS adult critical care units in England, Wales and Northern Ireland participating in the Case Mix Programme with at least six months' validated data.

The breakdown of units and admissions by unit type is shown below:

NHS units	Number of adult critical care units	Number of admissions
Adult general ICUs and ICU/HDUs*	196	148,817
Combined general/neurosciences critical care units*	13	20,899
Specialist neurosciences critical care units	8	7,266
Specialist cardiothoracic critical care units	14	19,035
Specialist liver critical care units	1	1,246
Standalone high dependency units	19	14,349

*In this report, these two categories are combined as adult, general critical care units

This report includes admissions to NHS adult, general critical care units.

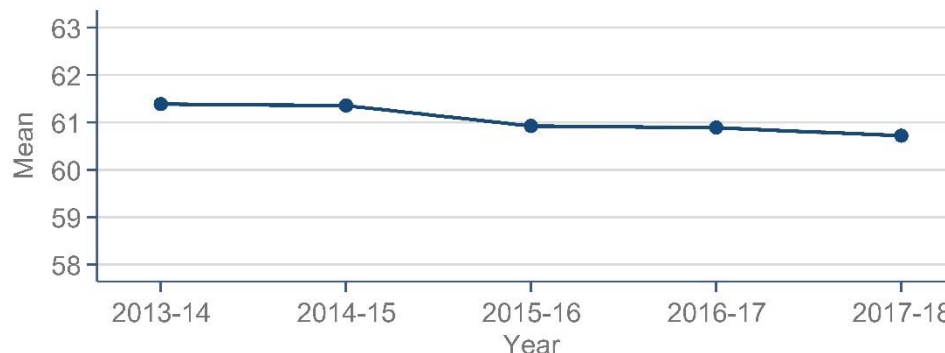
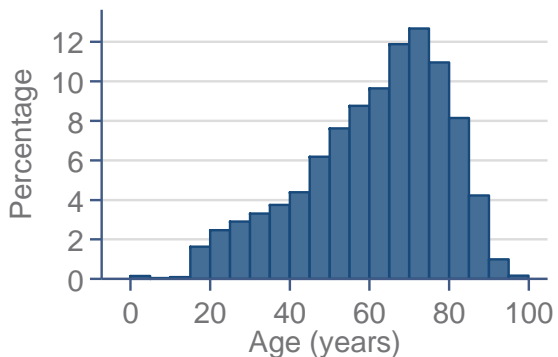
Based on 97% coverage for 2017-18, the total number of admissions to adult, general critical care units in England, Wales and Northern Ireland is extrapolated to be **175,700**.

Case mix

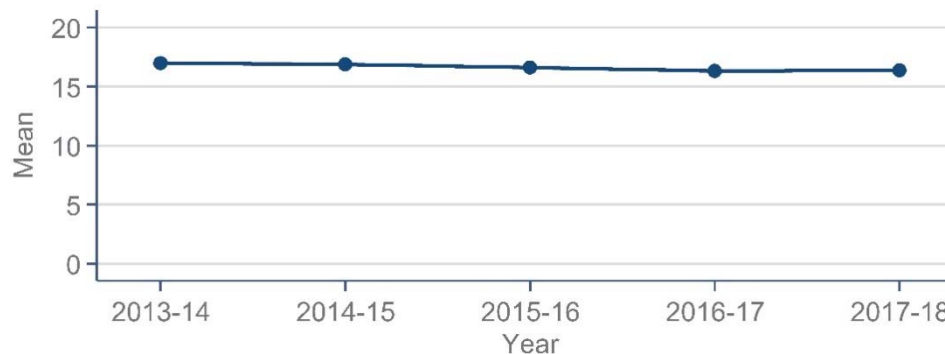
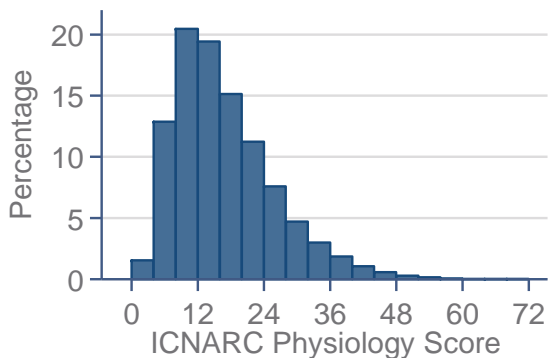
Age (years), mean (SD)	60.7 (17.9)
Male, n (%)	94,105 (55.5)
Severe conditions in the past medical history, n (%)	
Severe liver disease	4,394 (2.6)
Haematological malignancy	3,459 (2.1)
Metastatic disease	6,286 (3.7)
Prior dependency, n (%)	
Able to live without assistance with daily activities	127,662 (75.5)
Some (minor/major) assistance with daily activities	39,388 (23.3)
Total assistance with all daily activities	1,967 (1.2)
CPR within 24 hours prior to admission, n (%)	
Community CPR	5,485 (3.2)
In-hospital CPR	4,735 (2.8)
Source of admission, n (%)	
Emergency department or not in hospital – unplanned admission	46,798 (27.6)
Emergency department or not in hospital – planned admission	774 (0.5)
Theatre – planned admission following elective/scheduled surgery	34,191 (20.1)
Theatre – unplanned admission following elective/scheduled surgery	5,810 (3.4)
Theatre – admission following emergency/urgent surgery	31,694 (18.7)
Ward or intermediate care area	42,864 (25.3)
Other critical care unit – repatriation	1,207 (0.7)
Other critical care unit – planned or unplanned transfer	5,084 (3.0)
Other acute hospital (not critical care)	1,294 (0.8)
Severity scores, mean (SD)	
ICNARC Physiology Score	16.4 (9.1)
APACHE II Acute Physiology Score	11.1 (5.9)
APACHE II Score	15.3 (6.8)
ICNARC _{H-2015} model predicted risk of acute hospital mortality (%), median (IQR)	6.9 (1.7, 26.4)

Case mix – distributions and trends

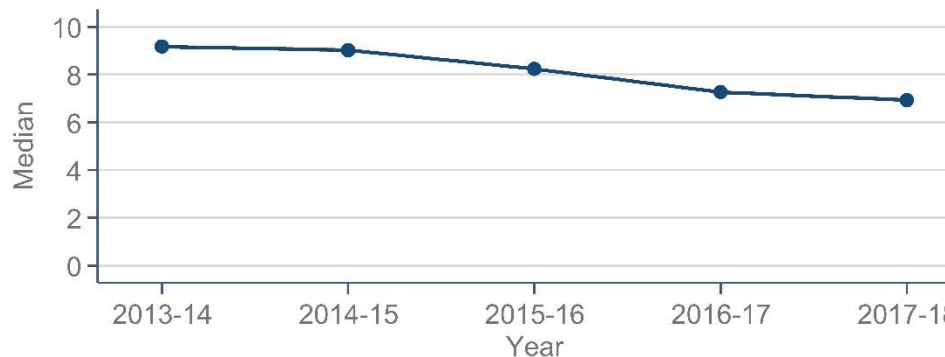
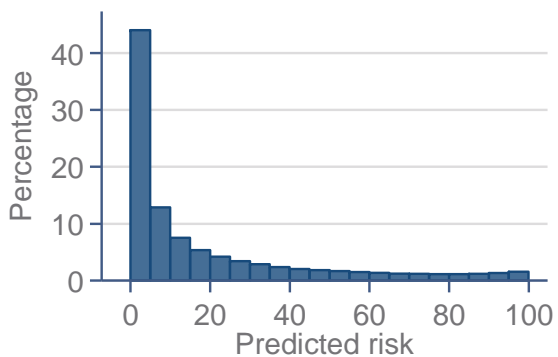
Age (years)



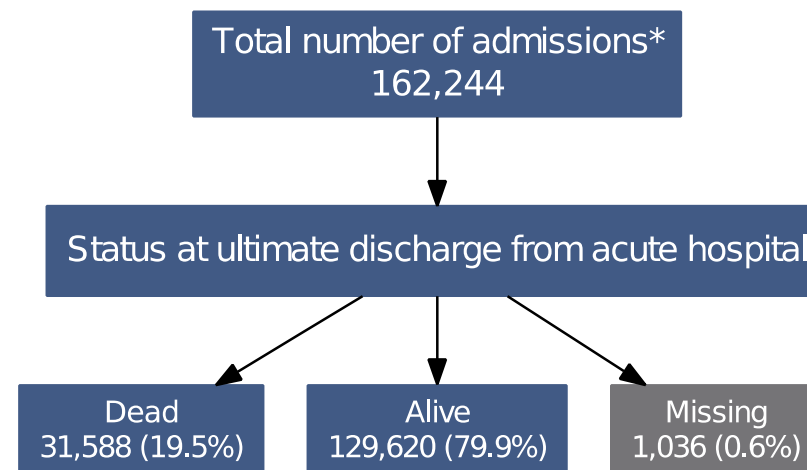
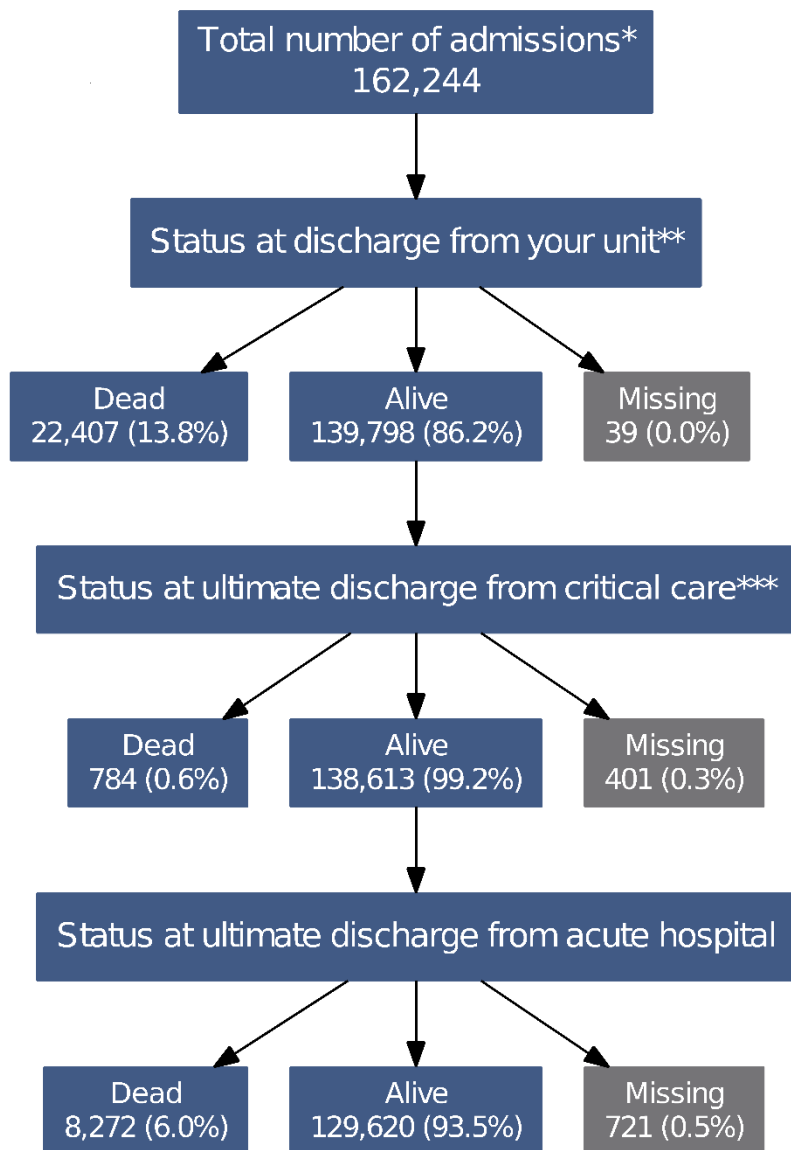
ICNARC Physiology Score



ICNARC_{H-2015} model predicted risk of acute hospital mortality (%)



Unadjusted outcomes – flows



* Excluding readmissions to the critical care unit of the same patient within the same acute hospital stay

** Where a patient was admitted to the critical care unit more than once during the same acute hospital stay, the first admission is used

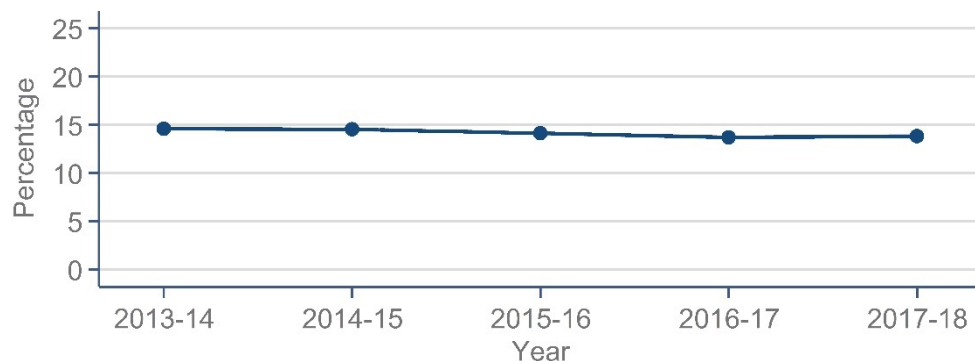
*** For all patients discharged alive from the critical care unit, including those not transferred to another critical care unit

Explanation

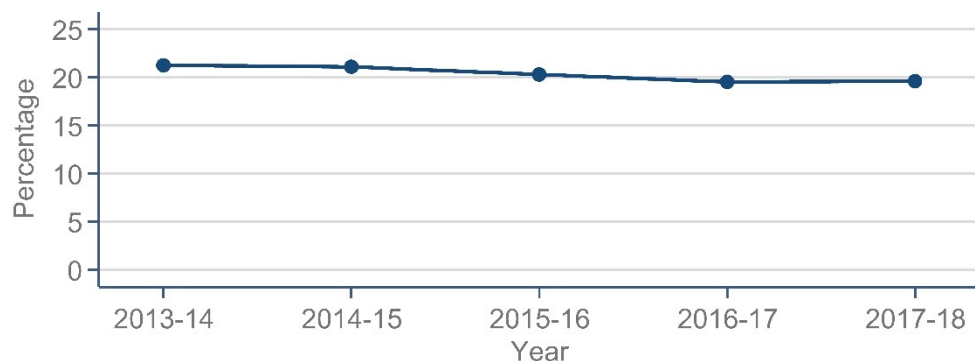
- In the staged outcome flow (left), the numbers of admissions at each stage are reported as percentages of those alive at the previous stage
- In the overall outcome flow (above), the status at ultimate discharge from acute hospital is presented as the percentage of all acute hospital admissions (i.e. excluding readmissions of the same patient in the same acute hospital stay)

Unadjusted outcomes – trends and survival

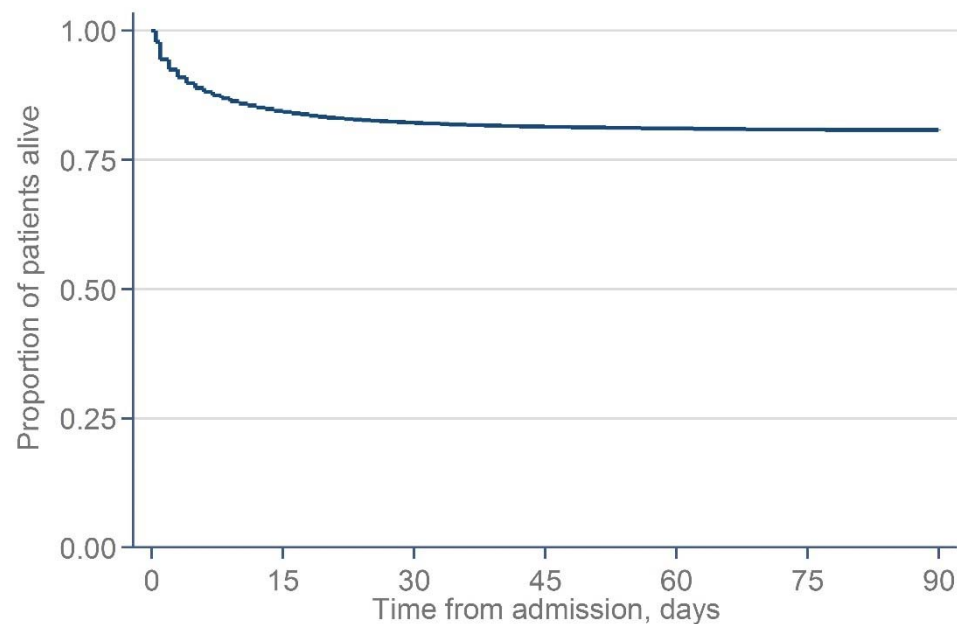
Critical care unit mortality*



Acute hospital mortality*



Survival (K-M plot)



Explanation

- The Kaplan-Meier (K-M) plot shows the proportion of patients that remain alive by the number of days following admission to the critical care unit
- Patients discharged from acute hospital before 90 days are assumed to have survived to 90 days

*Excluding readmissions to the critical care unit of the same patient within the same acute hospital stay

Admission groups

	Number of admissions (%)	Acute hospital mortality*, n/N (%)
Severe liver disease	4,394 (2.6)	1,556/4,079 (38.2)
Haematological malignancy	3,459 (2.0)	1,332/3,194 (41.7)
Metastatic disease	6,286 (3.7)	1,205/5,971 (20.2)
Elective /scheduled surgery	40,001 (23.6)	1,122/39,326 (2.9)
Emergency/urgent surgery	31,694 (18.7)	4,450/30,079 (14.8)
Non-surgical	98,021 (57.8)	26,016/91,803 (28.3)
Trauma‡	13,411 (7.9)	2,078/12,794 (16.2)
Pneumonia‡	21,141 (12.5)	6,460/19,400 (33.3)
Mechanically ventilated§	60,664 (35.7)	18,992/57,402 (33.1)
Sepsis (Sepsis-3)§	50,395 (29.7)	13,207/46,764 (28.2)
Sepsis (0 organ dysfunctions)	3,907 (2.3)	241/3,632 (6.6)
Sepsis (1 organ dysfunction)	18,988 (11.2)	2,642/17,580 (15.0)
Sepsis (2 organ dysfunctions)	14,476 (8.5)	3,847/13,401 (28.7)
Sepsis (3 organ dysfunctions)	8,319 (4.9)	3,578/7,713 (46.4)
Sepsis (4 or more organ dysfunctions)	4,705 (2.8)	2,899/4,438 (65.3)
Septic Shock	8,426 (5.0)	4,387/7,958 (55.1)
Acute kidney injury (all)§	97,426 (57.4)	23,950/92,623 (25.9)
Acute kidney injury (KDIGO stage I)	30,193 (17.8)	5,033/28,742 (17.5)
Acute kidney injury (KDIGO stage II)	44,514 (26.2)	9,974/42,435 (23.5)
Acute kidney injury (KDIGO stage III)	22,719 (13.4)	8,943/21,446 (41.7)

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‡ Primary or secondary reason for admission

§ During the first 24 hours following admission

KDIGO – Kidney Disease: Improving Global Outcomes

Infection

	n (% or rate)
Total number of admissions	169,716
MRSA present, n (%)	
Admission MRSA	1,842 (1.1)
Unit-acquired MRSA	284 (0.2)
No MRSA	163,520 (96.4)
No samples taken	4,036 (2.4)
Clostridium difficile present, n (%)	
Admission C. difficile	727 (0.4)
Unit-acquired C. difficile	284 (0.2)
No C. difficile	40,686 (24.0)
No samples taken	127,974 (75.4)
VRE present, n (%)	
Admission VRE	1,318 (0.8)
Unit-acquired VRE	475 (0.3)
No VRE	62,320 (36.7)
No samples taken	105,568 (62.2)
Number of admissions staying at least 48 hours	95,436
Total patient days for admissions staying at least 48 hours	824,643
Unit-acquired infections, n (rate per 1,000 patient days)	
Unit-acquired MRSA	283 (0.3)
Unit-acquired C. difficile	284 (0.3)
Unit-acquired VRE	475 (0.6)
Unit-acquired infection in blood [number of patients]	1254 [1121] (1.4)

Length of stay

	Number of admissions	Median (IQR) or n (%)	Mean (SD)
Length of stay in acute hospital prior to admission to the critical care unit (days)*	162,243	0 (0, 1)	2.5 (12.4)
Length of stay in the critical care unit (days)			
All admissions	169,668	2.5 (1.1, 5.2)	4.8 (7.9)
Unit survivors	146,230	2.5 (1.1, 5.1)	4.8 (7.7)
Unit non-survivors	23,438	2.3 (0.8, 5.9)	5.1 (8.9)
Duration from reported time fully ready for discharge to time of discharge†, n (%)			
≤ 4 hours	127,297	45,554 (35.8)	
> 4 hours and ≤ 24 hours	127,297	54,996 (43.2)	
> 24 hours	127,297	26,747 (21.0)	
Length of stay in acute hospital following discharge from the critical care unit (days)*‡			
All unit survivors	129,093	8 (4, 17)	15.3 (22.6)
Acute hospital survivors	119,961	8 (4, 17)	15.1 (22.4)
Acute hospital non-survivors	9,132	9 (3, 22)	18.0 (25.8)
Total length of stay in acute hospital (days)*			
All patients	160,806	11 (5, 22)	19.3 (27.8)
Acute hospital survivors	129,301	12 (6, 24)	20.4 (28.8)
Acute hospital non-survivors	31,505	7 (2, 17)	14.3 (22.4)

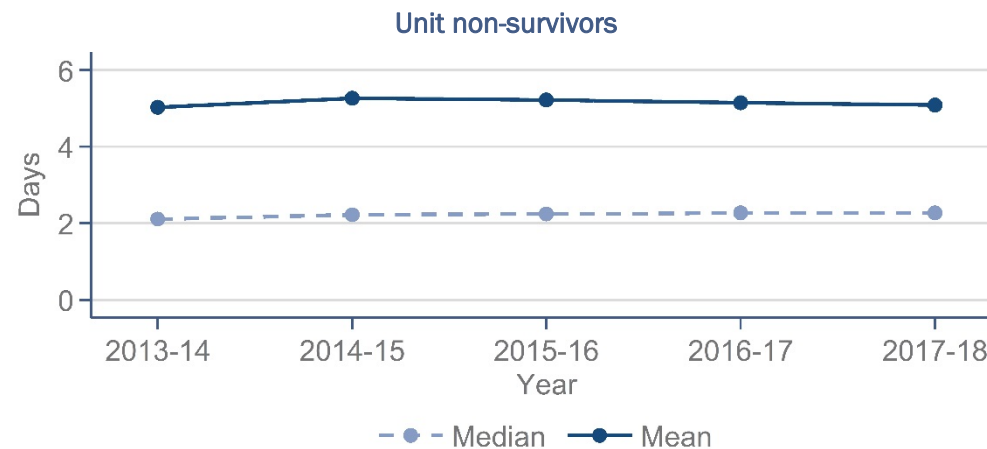
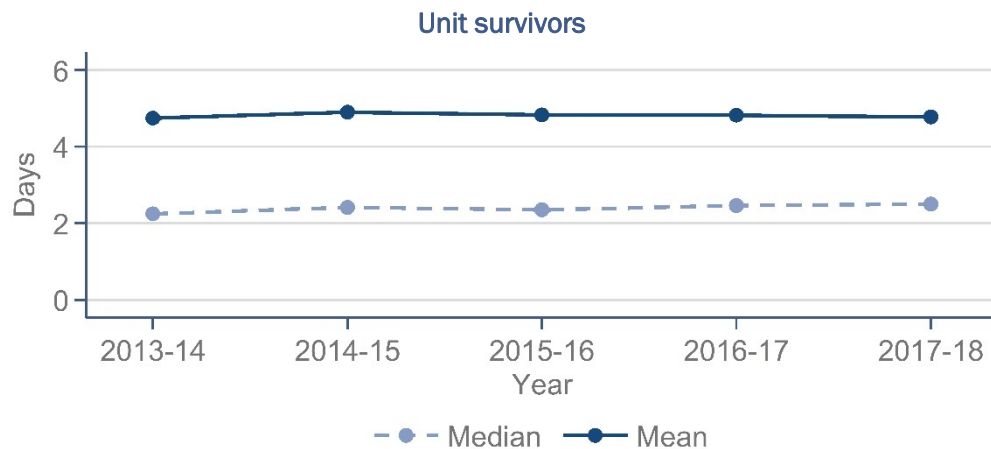
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† Reported for unit survivors discharged to a ward in the same hospital (or direct to home)

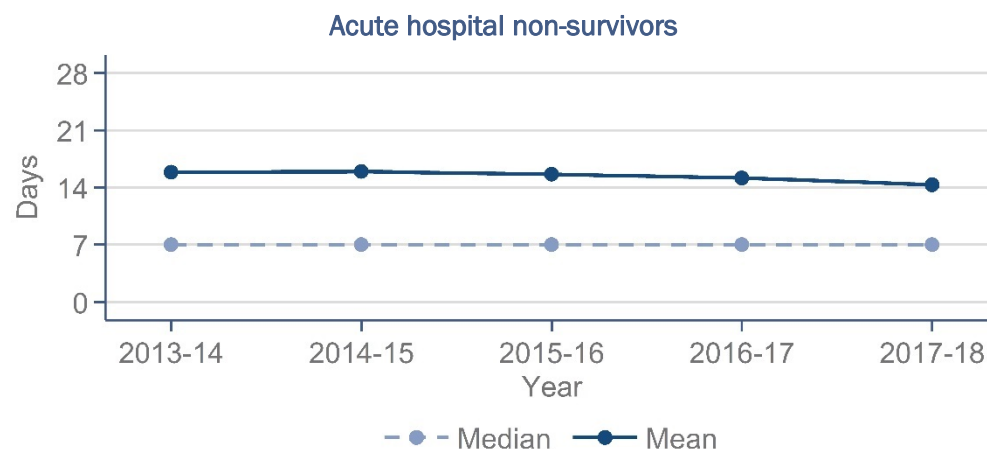
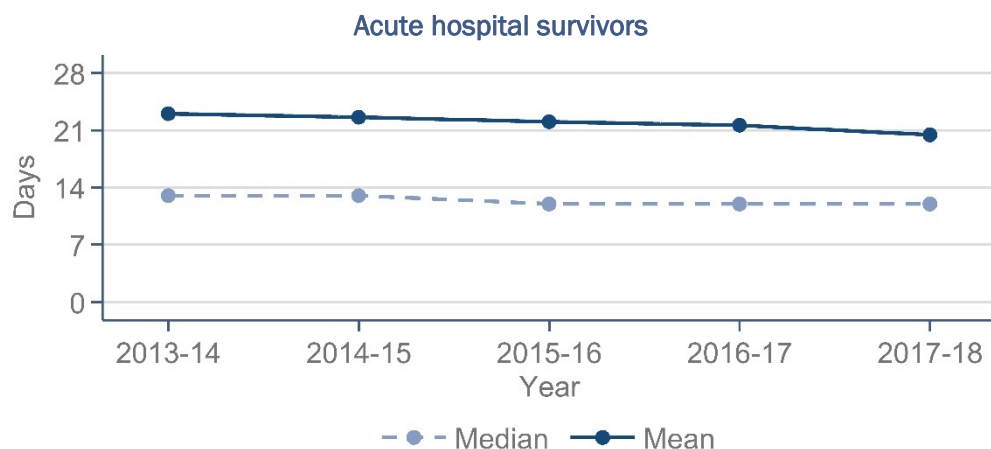
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Length of stay – trends

Length of stay in the critical care unit (days)



Total length of stay in acute hospital (days)*



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Organ monitoring and support

	Number of admissions receiving support (%)	Days of support* (% of all patient days)
Basic respiratory support	84,153 (49.6)	256,361 (26.2)
Advanced respiratory support	66,887 (39.4)	388,022 (39.6)
Basic cardiovascular support	150,872 (88.9)	722,137 (73.7)
Advanced cardiovascular support	29,899 (17.6)	83,226 (8.5)
Renal support	17,910 (10.6)	95,841 (9.8)
Neurological support	16,219 (9.6)	69,810 (7.1)
Gastrointestinal support	57,615 (34.0)	472,590 (48.2)
Dermatological support	4,530 (2.7)	28,697 (2.9)
Liver support	2,106 (1.2)	7,497 (0.8)
Healthcare Resource Group [HRG code]		
6 organs supported [XC01Z]	226 (0.1)	7,449 (0.7)
5 organs supported [XC02Z]	1,267 (0.8)	28,605 (2.6)
4 organs supported [XC03Z]	6,764 (4.0)	103,013 (9.3)
3 organs supported [XC04Z]	23,926 (14.1)	216,237 (19.5)
2 organs supported [XC05Z]	46,980 (27.7)	269,468 (24.2)
1 organ supported [XC06Z]	86,058 (50.7)	280,605 (25.2)
0 organs supported [XC07Z]	3,066 (1.8)	6,222 (0.6)
No Level 2 or 3 care received [UZ01Z]	1,424 (0.8)	N/A

* For Healthcare Resource Groups, only days receiving Level 2 or 3 care are counted

End-of-life care

Unit non-survivors, n (%)	23,441 (13.8)
Length of stay in the critical care unit for unit non-survivors (hours), median (IQR)	54 (20, 141)
Treatment withheld/withdrawn, n (% of unit non-survivors)	
Treatment withheld	1,516 (6.5)
Treatment withdrawn	10,775 (46.0)
Treatment withheld then withdrawn	2,753 (11.7)
Time from admission to treatment withdrawal (hours), median (IQR)	65 (23, 156)
Time from treatment withdrawal to death (hours), median (IQR)	2 (1, 4)
Brainstem death declared, n (% of unit non-survivors)	1,294 (5.5)
Solid organ donation, n (% of brainstem/cardiac deaths)	
Donation following brainstem death (DBD)	722 (55.8)
Donation following cardiac death (DCD)	413 (1.9)
Time from death to removal of body (hours), median (IQR)	2 (2, 3)