

Routine Quarterly Mental Health Minimum Dataset Reports – Final Q1 and Provisional Q2 2011/12 summary statistics and related information

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Executive Summary

This is the second publication of information from the Mental Health Minimum Data Set version 4 (MHMDS v4), a new version of the dataset implemented in April 2011. The MHMDS statistics in this release were produced from final data for Quarter 1, April to June 2011, and provisional data for Quarter 2, July to September 2011. The dataset was changed to address the recommendations of the Mental Health Information Review undertaken by the Health and Social Care Information Centre (HSCIC) in 2008, to better reflect the current configuration of services, and to support the introduction of Payment by Results for mental health.

A new method has been developed to process MHMDS v4 data and this second set of reports now includes the service performance indicators that were also produced from MHMDS in 2010/11. The methodology used for the analysis has changed from that used previously because the format in which the data flows has changed. This release also includes a new set of provider organisation level Data Quality Measures to provide more useful information about the quality of records submitted in MHMDS. Both the Data Quality Measures and new indicator constructions have been designed in consultation with users.

The release also includes data from the Community Mental Health Activity (Community MHA) Omnibus return (ROCR/OR/0243/004MAND) which is published here for the second time and covers the periods Q2 Final, July to September 2011, and Q3 Provisional, October to December 2011. It is possible that elements of this set of reports will be produced from MHMDS v4 in future,

The purpose of this routine quarterly MHMDS reports is to provide the Department of Health (DH), mental health services, commissioners and members of the public with information about NHS funded specialist mental health services for adults in England. The MHMDS reports includes 8 of the 13 indicators that are part of the DH's performance framework and it is anticipated that further indicators, currently produced from other data sources, will be added to future releases, in order to reduce the burden on the NHS of duplicate data collections.

The changes implemented to the dataset and systems to flow and analyse the data were significant and some organisations struggled to meet deadlines. From an analysis point of view, because the format of the data is different from what was provided previously, like for like comparisons of coverage and content are not easy to make. The new system is producing much richer data which appears to provide greater coverage of active caseload, but at present any time series comparisons with statistics produced in earlier years from previous systems should be treated with caution.

MHMDS data analysed in these reports flows directly from providers of mental health services but the information for Community MHA is collected from commissioners using the HSCIC Omnibus online collection system. Both the MHMDS and the Community Activity return are mandatory data returns.

The DH has revised their indicator constructions for 2011/2012 and the new constructions can be found at the link below:

http://www.dh.gov.uk/en/Publicationsandstatistics/Publications/PublicationsPolicyAndGuidance/DH_126848

Key facts from this publication:

MHMDS Q1 Final data and Q2 Provisional, April 2011 to September 2011:

- The new Data Quality Measures showed that in Q1:
 - Over 98% of records had valid coding for NHS Number, Postcode, Birth date and Gender.
 - 89% of Primary Diagnosis records had valid codes
 - Over 320,000 Mental Health Care Clusters, the new currency for payment by results for mental health, were allocated to mental health service users.
- There has been a large increase in the number of MHMDS records produced by the new method of processing, (for example Q1 final data includes 1,065,296 MHMDS records, compared to 787,460 in Q3 2010/2011 - an overall increase of approximately 35%). The new process has been designed to reflect more accurately the ongoing caseload on providers' systems, but providers will need to monitor submissions to ensure that only active cases are included in their submissions.
- Not all providers who were expected to make a submission did so, for administrative or technical reasons, and organisational change also affected the number of providers submitting in each quarter.

The data quality statement that accompanies this release provides further detail about coverage. Because of the increase in record numbers any comparisons of indicator values with indicator values from previous years should be treated with caution.

In Q3 October 2011 to December 2011 (for Community MHA only):

- All 151 Primary Care Trusts submitted Community MHA data;
- The number of home treatment episodes year to date was 94,971;
- The number of assessments by Crisis Resolution teams year to date was 189,834;
- The number of patients receiving Home Treatment year to date was 77,837;
- The number of patients being treated by Early Intervention teams in quarter 3 was 21,944;
- The number of people receiving Assertive Outreach services in quarter 3 was 19,970.

Background

The MHMDS is a regular return of data generated by providers of adult secondary mental health services in England, in the course of delivering services to patients. From Q1 2010/11, the MHMDS also includes data from Independent Sector Organisations and is processed using the new system. Full details of the methods used in processing can be found in the MHMDS Version 4 User Guidance and Appendices.

The MHMDS dataset is received by the HSCIC as record level anonymised data from patient administration systems, Care Programme Approach systems and Mental Health Act administration systems.

More information on the MHMDS v 4 can be found on the HSCIC website at:
www.ic.nhs.uk/services/mhmds/spec

The Information Standards Notice for MHMDS v4 can be found on the Information Standards board website at:
<http://www.isb.nhs.uk/documents/isb-0011/amd-22-2011-version-4-0-uplift-to-specification/index.html>

Information on obtaining MHMDS data extracts can be found on the HSCIC website at:
<http://www.ic.nhs.uk/services/mental-health/accessing-the-data>

The Community Mental Health Activity collection is collected via the Omnibus system and more information about the collection can be found at:
<http://www.ic.nhs.uk/services/omnibus-survey/using-the-service/data-collections/community-mental-health-activities>

Future developments

It is intended that other indicators and reports that are currently collected via other returns will be recreated using the MHMDS. This is in line with the Fundamental Review of Data Returns² initiative and indicators, such as the ones currently collected in the Community Mental Health Activity return, are ones which may be recreated using MHMDS as the data source.

Consultation

A review of statistics that are produced using the MHMDS coincides with this release. This is to ensure that the information published nationally, at service level and commissioner level meets the needs and requirements of all our customers. Further details can be found on the HSCIC website here: <http://www.ic.nhs.uk/work-with-us/consultations>

‘Provisional’ and ‘Final’ statistics

Published data that is labelled as "Provisional" is the Primary, i.e. the first, submission that is made regarding a collection. It is possible for some data sets to make a "Refresh", i.e. a second, submission. Data that is published under the label "Final" is a combination of both the Primary and Refresh submissions. Where a Refresh submission is made the Primary submission is not used. If a Refresh submission is not made then the Primary submission will be used. This ensures the most complete and latest picture for a data set.

² http://www.dh.gov.uk/en/Consultations/Liveconsultations/DH_129725

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