

## *Section 7*

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**Specialties in each Hospital during 2004/2005**

<b>Hospital</b>	<b>Specialties</b>
Alexandra Gardens	Mental Illness.
Altnagelvin	General Surgery, Urology, Trauma & Orthopaedics, Ear, Nose & Throat, Ophthalmology, Oral Surgery, Orthodontics, Neurosurgery, Pain Management, General Medicine, Haematology (Clinical), Palliative Medicine, Cardiology, Dermatology, Genito-Urinary Medicine, Neurology, Rheumatology, Paediatrics, Paediatric Neurology, Geriatric Medicine, Obstetrics, Gynaecology, Obstetrics (Ante Natal), Well Babies (Paediatrics), General Practice (Other), Mental Illness, Clinical Oncology, Radiology, Chemical Pathology, Other.
Antrim	General Surgery, Ear, Nose & Throat, Accidents & Emergency, Pain Management, General Medicine, Gastroenterology, Haematology (Clinical), Palliative Medicine, Cardiology, Dermatology, Infectious Diseases, Nephrology, Medical Oncology, Rheumatology, Paediatrics, Geriatric Medicine, Obstetrics, Gynaecology, Obstetrics (Ante Natal), Obstetrics (Post Natal), Well Babies (Obstetrics), Clinical Oncology, Chemical Pathology.
Ards	General Surgery, Ear, Nose & Throat, Ophthalmology, Plastic Surgery, Accident & Emergency, General Medicine, Haematology (Clinical), Cardiology, Dermatology, Thoracic Medicine, Gynaecology, Mental Illness, General Practice (Other), Old Age Psychiatry.
Armagh Community	General Surgery, Trauma & Orthopaedics, Ear, Nose & Throat, Ophthalmology, General Medicine, Gastroenterology, Cardiology, Dermatology, Paediatrics, Gynaecology, Obstetrics (Ante Natal).
Banbridge	General Surgery, Urology, Ear, Nose & Throat, General Medicine, Gastroenterology, Endocrinology, Cardiology, Thoracic Medicine, Rheumatology, Paediatrics, Gynaecology, Obstetrics (Ante Natal), Chemical Pathology, Neurology, Geriatric Medicine.
Bangor	General Surgery, Ear, Nose & Throat, Ophthalmology, Accident & Emergency, General Medicine, Haematology (Clinical), Cardiology, Dermatology, Thoracic Medicine, Gynaecology, General Practice (Other).
Belfast City	General Surgery, Urology, Ear, Nose & Throat, Ophthalmology, Plastic Surgery, Thoracic Surgery, Accident & Emergency, Pain Management, General Medicine, Gastroenterology, Endocrinology, Haematology (Clinical), Clinical Genetics, Palliative Medicine, Cardiology, Dermatology, Thoracic Medicine, Nephrology, Medical Oncology, Neurology, Rheumatology, Geriatric Medicine, Gynaecology, Clinical Oncology, Radiology, Chemical Pathology, Other.

## Appendix 1 (Continued)

Belvoir Park – NICCO	Haematology (Clinical), Palliative Medicine, Clinical Oncology.
Braid Valley	General Surgery, General Medicine, Geriatric Medicine, Palliative Medicine.
Carrickfergus	General Surgery, General Medicine, Gynaecology.
Causeway	General Surgery, Urology, Ear, Nose & Throat, Orthodontics, Pain Management, General Medicine, Cardiology, Dermatology, Neurology, Paediatrics, Paediatrics Neurology, Obstetrics, Gynaecology, Obstetrics (Ante Natal), Well Babies (Obstetrics), General Practice (Other), Mental Illness, Old Age Psychiatry, Haematology, Anaesthetics, Palliative Medicine.
Craigavon Area	General Surgery, Urology, Trauma & Orthopaedics, Ophthalmology, Oral Surgery, Restorative Dentistry, Paediatric Dentistry, Orthodontics, Accident & Emergency, Anaesthetics, Pain Management, General Medicine, Gastroenterology, Endocrinology, Haematology (Clinical), Palliative Medicine, Cardiology, Dermatology, Thoracic Medicine, Neurology, Rheumatology, Paediatrics, Paediatric Neurology, Geriatric Medicine, Obstetrics, Gynaecology, Obstetrics (Ante Natal), Well Babies (Paediatrics), General Practice (Other), Clinical Oncology, Chemical Pathology, Other.
Craigavon PNU	Mental Illness, Child & Adolescent Psychiatry.
Daisy Hill	General Surgery, Ear, Nose & Throat, Ophthalmology, Oral Surgery, Accident & Emergency, Pain Management, Thoracic Surgery, General Medicine, Haematology (Clinical), Cardiology, Dermatology, Genito-Urinary Medicine, Nephrology, Neurology, Paediatrics, Geriatric Medicine, Obstetrics, Gynaecology, Obstetrics (Ante Natal), Obstetrics (Post Natal), Well Babies (Paediatrics), Mental Illness, General Practice (Other) ,Other.
Dalriada	General Practice (Other).
Downe	General Surgery, Urology, Trauma & Orthopaedics, Ear, Nose & Throat, Anaesthetics, Ophthalmology, General Medicine, Dermatology, Thoracic Medicine, Nuerology, Rheumatology, Paediatrics, Geriatric Medicine, Dental Medicine Specialties, Obstetrics, Gynaecology, Obstetrics (Ante Natal), Obstetrics (Post Natal), Well Babies (Obstetrics), General Practice (Other), Other.
Downshire	Mental Illness, Old Age Psychiatry.
Erne	General Surgery, Ear, Nose & Throat, Oral Surgery, Pain Management, General Medicine, Rehabilitation, Palliative Medicine, Neurology, Paediatrics, Geriatric Medicine, Obstetrics, Gynaecology, Obstetrics (Ante Natal), Obstetrics (Post Natal), Well Babies (Paediatrics), Mental Illness.
Forest Lodge (previously known as Belvoir Park NIF)	Mental Handicap.

## Appendix 1 (Continued)

Forster Green	Neurology, Geriatric Medicine, Child & Adolescent Psychiatry.
Gransha	Mental Illness, Child & Adolescent Psychiatry, Old Age Psychiatry.
Holywell	Mental Illness, Child & Adolescent Psychiatry, Old Age Psychiatry, Psychotherapy.
Knockbracken	Mental Illness, Old Age Psychiatry.
Lagan Valley	General Surgery, Urology, Ear, Nose & Throat, Ophthalmology, Accident & Emergency, General Medicine, Dermatology, Thoracic Medicine, Rheumatology, Paediatrics, Geriatric Medicine, Obstetrics, Gynaecology, Obstetrics (Ante Natal), Obstetrics (Post Natal), Well Babies (Paediatrics) General Practice (Other), Anaesthetics, Endocrinology, Cardiology.
Lagan Valley PNU	Mental Illness, Old Age Psychiatry.
Longstone	Mental Handicap.
Lurgan	Rehabilitation, Dermatology, Geriatric Medicine.
Mater	General Surgery, Urology, Trauma & Orthopaedics, Ear, Nose & Throat, Ophthalmology, Oral Surgery, Accident & Emergency, Anaesthetics, General Medicine, Cardiology, Haematology (Clinical), Dermatology, Obstetrics, Gynaecology, Obstetrics (Ante Natal), Well Babies (Obstetrics), Well Babies (Paediatrics), Mental Illness, Obstetrics (Post Natal).
Mid-Ulster	General Surgery, Ear, Nose & Throat, Oral Surgery, Orthodontics, General Medicine, Gastroenterology, Haematology (Clinical), Infectious Diseases, Palliative Medicine, Dermatology, Paediatrics, Obstetrics, Gynaecology, Obstetrics (Ante Natal), Well Babies (Obstetrics), Oral Surgery.
Mourne	General Surgery, General Medicine, Gynaecology, Obstetrics (Ante Natal), Obstetrics (Post Natal).
Moyle	General Surgery, Ear, Nose & Throat, General Medicine, Palliative Medicine, Dermatology, Rheumatology, Paediatrics, Geriatric Medicine, Gynaecology, Obstetrics, (Ante Natal), Gynaecology.
Muckamore Abbey	Mental Handicap.
Mullinure	Geriatric Medicine.
Musgrave Park	Trauma & Orthopaedics, Pain Management, Rehabilitation, Rheumatology, Geriatric Medicine.

## Appendix 1 (Continued)

NWIC (formerly known as Roe Valley Inpatients)	Geriatric Medicine
Oaklands	Mental Handicap.
RBHSC	Trauma & Orthopaedics, Ear, Nose & Throat, Ophthalmology, Paediatric Dentistry, Neurosurgery, Plastic Surgery, Paediatric Surgery, General Medicine, Anaesthetics, Haematology (Clinical), Clinical Genetics, Cardiology, Dermatology, Paediatrics, Paediatric Neurology, Child & Adolescent Psychiatry, Infectious Diseases, Other.
Robinson Memorial	General Practice (Other).
Roe Valley (Outpatients)	General Surgery, Urology, Trauma & Orthopaedics, Ear, Nose & Throat, Ophthalmology, General Medicine, Cardiology, Dermatology, Paediatrics, Gynaecology, Obstetrics (Ante Natal).
Royal Maternity	Paediatrics, Obstetrics, Obstetrics (Ante Natal), Obstetrics (Post Natal), Well Babies (Paediatrics).
Royal Victoria	General Surgery, Urology, Trauma & Orthopaedics, Ear, Nose & Throat, Ophthalmology, Oral Surgery, Restorative Dentistry, Paediatric Dentistry, Orthodontics, Neurosurgery, Plastic Surgery, Cardiac surgery, Thoracic Surgery, Accident & Emergency, Anaesthetics, General Medicine, Gastroenterology, Endocrinology, Haematology (Clinical), Audiological Medicine, Rehabilitation, Cardiology, Dermatology, Genito-Urinary Medicine, Nephrology, Neurology, Clinical Neuro-Physiology, Rheumatology, Geriatric Medicine, Gynaecology, Radiology, Paediatric Neurology, Other.
Shaftesbury Square	Psychotherapy.
South Tyrone	General Surgery, Ear, Nose & Throat, Ophthalmology, Oral Surgery, Thoracic Surgery, Pain Management, General Medicine, Gastroenterology, Endocrinology, Haematology (Clinical), Palliative Medicine, Cardiology, Dermatology, Thoracic Medicine, Nephrology, Rheumatology, Paediatrics, Geriatric Medicine, Gynaecology, Obstetrics (Ante Natal) General Practice (Other), Neurology, Old Age Psychiatry.
St. Luke's	Mental Illness, Old Age Psychiatry.
Stradreagh	Mental Handicap.
Thompson House	Neurology, General Medicine.
Tyrone & Fermanagh	Mental Illness, Old Age Psychiatry.

## Appendix 1 (Continued)

Tyrone County	General Surgery, Ear, Nose & Throat, Oral Surgery, Anaesthetics, Pain Management, General Medicine, Palliative Medicine, Neurology, Paediatrics, Geriatric Medicine, Gynaecology, Obstetrics (Ante Natal), Mental Illness.
Ulster	General Surgery, Trauma & Orthopaedics, Ear, Nose & Throat, Oral Surgery, Ophthalmology, Restorative Dentistry, Paediatric Dentistry, Plastic Surgery, Paediatric Surgery, Accident & Emergency, Anaesthetics, Pain Management, General Medicine, Haematology (Clinical), Palliative Medicine, Cardiology, Dermatology, Thoracic Medicine, Paediatrics, Geriatric Medicine, Obstetrics, Gynaecology, Obstetrics (Ante Natal), Well Babies (Obstetrics), General Practice (Other), Clinical Oncology, Nephrology.
Waterside	Geriatric Medicine.
Waveney	General Surgery, Ear, Nose & Throat, Orthodontics, General Medicine, Gastroenterology, Cardiology, Dermatology, Rheumatology, Paediatrics, Geriatric Medicine, Gynaecology, Obstetrics (Ante Natal), Obstetrics (Post Natal).
Whiteabbey	General Surgery, Ear, Nose & Throat, Pain Management, General Medicine, Gastroenterology, Haematology (Clinical), Cardiology, Dermatology, Rheumatology, Paediatrics, Geriatric Medicine, Gynaecology, Obstetrics (Ante Natal).
Whiteabbey PNU	Mental Illness.
Windsor House	Mental Illness, Old Age Psychiatry, Psychotherapy.
Woodstock Lodge (formerly known as Albertbridge Road)	Mental Illness
Young People's Centre	Child & Adolescent Psychiatry.

### Hospitals Open Within Each Provider for All or Part of Year Ending 31 March 2005

Belfast City Hospital HSS Trust (Operational 1 April 1993)	Belfast City, Belvoir Park NICCO, Windsor House
Green Park Healthcare HSS Trust (Operational 1 April 1993)	Forest Lodge (previously known as Belvoir Park NIF), Forster Green, Musgrave Park
Ulster Community & Hospitals HSS Trust – previously known as Ulster, North Down & Ards Hospital HSS Trust. (Operational 1 April 1993)	Ards, Bangor, Ulster
Royal Group of Hospitals HSS Trust (Operational 1 April 1993)	RBHSC, Royal Maternity, Royal Victoria
Craigavon Area Hospital Group HSS Trust (Operational 1 April 1993)	Banbridge, Craigavon Area, Lurgan, South Tyrone
Craigavon and Banbridge Community HSS Trust (Operational 1 April 1994)	Craigavon Area PNU
Down Lisburn HSS Trust (Operational 1 April 1994)	Downe, Downshire, Lagan Valley, Lagan Valley PNU, Thompson House
North and West Belfast HSS Trust (Operational 1 April 1994)	Muckamore Abbey
South and East Belfast HSS Trust (Operational 1 April 1994)	Knockbracken, Shaftesbury Square, Woodstock Lodge (previously known as Albertbridge Road), Young People's Centre
Newry and Mourne HSS Trust (Operational 1 April 1994)	Daisy Hill, Mourne
Mater Infirmorum Hospital HSS Trust (Operational 1 April 1994)	Alexandra Gardens, Mater Infirmorum
Causeway HSS Trust (Operational 1 April 1995)	Causeway, Dalriada, Robinson Memorial
United Hospitals Group HSS Trust (Operational 1 April 1996)	Antrim, Braid Valley, Carrickfergus, Mid Ulster, Moyle, Waveney, Whiteabbey
Homefirst Community HSS Trust (Operational 1 April 1996)	Holywell, Whiteabbey PNU
Armagh & Dungannon HSS Trust (Operational 1 April 1996)	Armagh Community, Longstone, Mullinure, Oaklands, St Luke's
Altnagelvin Group HSS Trust (Operational 1 April 1996)	Altnagelvin, Roe Valley - Outpatients, Waterside (Ward 5)
Foyle Community HSS Trust (Operational 1 April 1996)	Gransha, NWIC (previously known as Roe Valley – Inpatients), Stradreagh, Waterside (Wards 1-4)
Sperrin Lakeland HSS Trust (Operational 1 April 1996)	Erne, Tyrone County, Tyrone & Fermanagh

## Hospital Specialties and the Programme of Care to which they should be allocated

Programmes of Care are divisions of healthcare, into which activity and finance data are assigned, so as to provide a common management framework. They are used to plan and monitor the health service, by allowing performance to be measured, targets set and services managed on a comparative basis. In total, there are nine Programmes of Care. However, only five of these are relevant to hospital activity. The relevant hospital specialties within each of the Programmes of Care are shown below.

### POC 1 - Acute Services

100 General Surgery  
 101 Urology  
 110 T & O Surgery  
 120 ENT  
 130 Ophthalmology  
 140 Oral Surgery  
 141 Restorative Dentistry  
 142 Paediatric Dentistry  
 143 Orthodontics  
 150 Neurosurgery  
 160 Plastic Surgery  
 170 Cardiac Surgery  
 171 Paediatric Surgery  
 172 Thoracic Surgery  
 180 Accident & Emergency  
 190 Anaesthetics  
 191 Pain Management  
 300 General Medicine  
 301 Gastroenterology  
 302 Endocrinology  
 303 Haematology (Clin)  
 304 Clinical Physiology  
 305 Clinical Pharmacology  
 310 Audiological Medicine  
 311 Clinical Genetics  
 312 Clinical Genetics & Molecular Genetics  
 313 Clinical Immunology & Allergy  
 314 Rehabilitation  
 315 Palliative Medicine  
 320 Cardiology  
 330 Dermatology  
 340 Thoracic Medicine  
 350 Infectious Diseases  
 360 Genito-Urinary Medicine  
 361 Nephrology  
 370 Medical Oncology  
 371 Nuclear Medicine  
 400 Neurology  
 401 Clinical Neuro-Physiology  
 410 Rheumatology  
 420 Paediatrics  
 421 Paediatric Neurology

450 Dental Medicine Specialties  
 460 Medical Ophthalmology  
 502 Gynaecology  
 620 GP Other  
 800 Clinical Oncology  
 810 Radiology  
 820 General Pathology  
 821 Blood Transfusion  
 822 Chemical Pathology  
 823 Haematology  
 824 Histopathology  
 830 Immunopathology  
 831 Medical Microbiology  
 832 Neuropathology  
 900 Community Medicine  
 901 Occupational Medicine  
 990 Joint Consultant Clinics  
 999 Other

### POC 2 -Maternity and Child Health

501 Obstetrics  
 510 Obstetrics (Ante Natal)  
 520 Obstetrics (Post Natal)  
 540 Well Babies (Obstetrics)  
 550 Well Babies (Paediatrics)  
 610 GP Maternity

### POC 4 Elderly Care

430 Geriatric Medicine  
 715 Old Age Psychiatry

### POC 5 - Mental Health

710 Mental Illness  
 711 Child & Adolescent Psychiatry  
 712 Forensic Psychiatry  
 713 Psychotherapy

### POC 6 - Learning Disability

700 Mental Handicap

**Definitions**

**Average Available/Occupied Beds**

The average number of available and occupied beds during the year in wards that are open overnight, measured at midnight. Hospitals may also have a number of beds in wards that are only open during the day. Beds reserved for day care admission or regular day admission are not included.

**Average Length of Stay**

A measurement of the average length of time spent in hospital. Day Cases are excluded from the calculation.

$$\frac{\text{Average Daily Number of Occupied Beds x Days in Year}}{\text{Total Discharges, Deaths \& Transfers to Other Hospitals}}$$

**% Occupancy**

A measurement of the percentage of time that beds are occupied. Day cases are excluded from the calculation.

$$\frac{\text{Average Daily Occupied Beds}}{\text{Average Daily Available Beds}} \times 100$$

**Throughput**

A measurement of the average number of ordinary admissions treated in each available bed open overnight each year. Day Cases are excluded from the calculation.

$$\frac{\text{Total Discharges, Deaths \& Transfers to Other Hospitals}}{\text{Average Number of Available Beds}}$$

**Turnover Interval**

A measurement of the average length of time a bed open overnight remains unoccupied between ordinary admissions. Day Cases are excluded from the calculation.

$$\frac{\text{Average Available Beds - Average Occupied Beds x Days in Year}}{\text{Total Discharges, Deaths \& Transfers to Other Hospitals}}$$

**Percentage Day Cases**

The number of Day Cases is given as a percentage of all admissions.

$$\frac{\text{Total Day Cases}}{(\text{Total Discharges, Deaths \& Transfers to Other Hospitals}) + \text{Total Day Cases}} \times 100$$

**Elective Admission**

A patient for whom the decision to admit could be separated in time from the actual admission: whose admission (whether ordinary admission, day case or regular day/night admission) had been booked in advance. This excludes emergency admissions and maternity or delivery episodes.

**Ordinary Admission**

Ordinary admissions include both (a) patients admitted electively with the expectation that they will remain in hospital for at least one night, and (b) non-elective admissions (e.g. emergency admissions). A patient who is admitted with this intention but who leaves hospital for any reason without staying overnight is still counted as an ordinary admission. Day cases are not included.

**Day Case**

A patient admitted electively during the course of a day with the intention of receiving care who does not require the use of a hospital bed overnight and who returns home as scheduled. If this original intention is not fulfilled and the patient stays overnight, such a patient should be counted as an ordinary admission.

**Regular Day/Night Admission**

A patient who is admitted electively and regularly for a planned sequence of days or nights and who returns home for the remainder of the 24 hour period. This method of admission is particularly common for Renal Dialysis and Chemotherapy.

**Inpatient**

Ordinary admissions, day cases and regular day or night admissions.

**FCE - Finished Consultant Episode**

A consultant episode is the time a patient spends in the continuous care of one consultant. The episode can be finished because of discharge, death or transfer, either to another consultant or another hospital. As a result, a patient may have more than one FCE during a stay in hospital (if transferred to the care of another consultant).

**Discharges & Deaths**

This is the total count of ordinary admissions leaving hospital (either because of death, discharge or transfer to another hospital).

**Outpatient**

A patient who attends a clinic to see a consultant, a member of his firm, or a locum for such a member.

**Outpatient Referral**

A referral is the first of a series or the only attendance at an outpatient clinic of a consultant in the hospital, for the same ailment, when the attendance has not been initiated by the consultant in charge of the clinic or his/her staff. In practice most referrals will be seen as a consequence of a GP written referral request. Other sources of referral include self referrals and requests from other consultants or from staff in an accident and emergency department.

### **Consultant Initiated Outpatient Attendance**

A consultant initiated outpatient attendance is any attendance, other than a referral, initiated by the consultant or a member of his/her staff. These are mostly review attendances but can be first attendances following (a) a domiciliary visit or (b) a spell in hospital as a result of an emergency admission.

### **Outpatient Did Not Attend - DNA**

DNA refers to the number of patients with an appointment who did not attend and failed to give advance warning to the hospital.

### **Specialty**

A specialty is a particular branch of medicine or surgery. Each consultant is assigned a main specialty from a list recognised by the Royal Colleges and Faculties. Information is recorded against the specialty of the treating consultant.

### **Attendances at Accident & Emergency Departments**

Accident & Emergency departments provide services for patients who arrive with urgent problems, generally without appointment. The departments may be either major units which provide 24 hour service, 7 days a week, or small 'casualty department' units. A follow-up attendance is any re-attendance, which does not involve appointments with a consultant or a member of his/her firm.

### **Operating Theatre Session**

A period of operating time allocated to a consultant firm. If a theatre session and consultant firm are booked before the patients are identified this will be a scheduled theatre session. The total number of intended scheduled sessions may be equal to or less than the sum of scheduled sessions held and cancelled.

### **Live/Still Birth**

A birth can be classified as 'live' or 'still'. A still birth is where, after a gestation period of at least 24 weeks, the baby shows no identifiable signs of life at delivery.

**Patient Transport**

**Urgent Journey**

This relates to maternity admission not given emergency priority and admissions to a hospital bed for which the doctor has given a specified time.

**Activation Time**

This is defined as the time from receipt of an emergency call until a vehicle is on its way.

**Response Time**

This is defined as the time from receipt of an emergency call to arrival of a vehicle, and a two-man fully trained crew, at the place where the patient is.

**Cardiac Call**

This is when a patient requires a cardiac team i.e. medical and nursing staff. This can be provided by cardiac ambulance, ambulance or car.

## Explanatory Notes

**Source:** The data contained in this publication have been compiled from the quarterly Körner Aggregate Returns (KARs), which were introduced from 1 April 1988. They refer to all general, mental illness and learning disability hospitals along with their associated transport services. The cut-off point for amendments to tables was 4th July 2005 and any amendments notified by Providers after this date will not have been included.

**Programmes of Care (POCs):** This bulletin has been structured on a POC basis. This should facilitate analysis by individuals with an interest in specific POCs. However, an overall NI summary section has also been included for those with a more generalist perspective.

Activity has been grouped into POCs on the basis of the main specialty of the consultant in charge of the patient. In a small number of cases, this may lead to differences between the strict POC and the specialty of the consultant in charge. An example of this would be patients in a hospital ward reserved exclusively for the younger physically disabled who would be included in the Acute Services POC when applying the specialty rule rather than the correct POC of Physical and Sensory Disability. However, the specialty rule will apportion activity to the correct POC in the vast majority of cases.

A significant number of tables in the 'NI Summary' section are not replicated for individual POC sections, either because the Korner return on which the table was based did not have a specialty breakdown or because the activity contained in the table is not relevant to that particular POC.

**Hospitals/Providers:** One of the major consequences of the Government's healthcare reforms introduced in April 1993 was the reorganisation of individual hospitals into healthcare providers with the aim of moving from Directly Managed Units (DMUs) to Trust status. This transition is now complete with the last DMUs becoming Trusts on 1st April 1996.

This bulletin presents data broken down by individual hospitals and Providers where possible. A small number of analyses have not been broken down in this way but rather have been disaggregated by Board of Treatment due to the nature of the return on which the analysis is based. When comparing data at Provider level with earlier years it is important to note that a number of hospitals are now attached to different Providers than was the case previously (see Appendix 2 for a complete list of Hospitals/Providers for 2002/03).

**Rounding:** The data for individual hospitals on certain indicators (e.g., 'Average Available Beds') will not always sum to the Provider total or the overall NI total due to rounding. In addition, certain indicators (e.g. 'Throughput') have been derived from unrounded figures for greater accuracy. They may therefore differ slightly from values obtained through using rounded figures in the formulae.

**Data Availability/Format:** All of the data contained in the tables are also available on a quarterly basis and can be supplied by individual specialty or hospital/Provider if this level of detail is required (as in previous bulletins). In addition, data can be supplied in spreadsheet format (Microsoft Excel) in order to aid secondary analysis. The tables are also available at <http://www.dhsspsni.gov.uk/stats&research/pubs.asp> for those with Internet access.

