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Back Pain Report

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NEQOS Back Pain Report

This back pain report contains health intelligence produced by NEQOS to support the implementation of the national pathfinder project to provide better pathways of care for people with low back and radicular pain. The NHS England Pathfinder Projects were established to address high value care pathways which cross commissioning and health care boundaries. Many conditions require a pathway of care which moves from the general practitioner through primary care and community services and into secondary care and sometimes specialised services. Difficulties in commissioning across boundaries, however, can cause artificial interruptions in what should be a seamless care pathway. The Pathfinder Projects are designed for all Stakeholders to work collaboratively to examine in depth these health care interfaces and to develop commissioning structures to commission care across the whole pathway. The Trauma Programme of Care Board selected low back pain and radicular pain as the Pathfinder Project as this is a high value care pathway in view of the very large number of patients involved.

The future of the pathway is that it is designed to be run in primary care (general practice and community physiotherapy) and referral into secondary specialist care is only at the end of the pathway. Key to the success of the pathway are the Triage and Treat practitioners; the highly trained practitioners, either extended scope physiotherapists or nurse specialists who essentially run the pathway and have access to bookable slots for the core therapies, nerve root blocks, spinal surgical clinic appointments or pain clinic appointments. This reduces very significantly the delays in the previous system and also reduces the "pinball" management that is a feature of so many health care systems. Quality care is less expensive by reducing ineffective or repetitive treatment and by reducing conversion into chronic disability

In this profile, the current utilisation of secondary care services for back and radicular pain are shown by CCG and providers, including both NHS Trusts and Independent Sector providers to demonstrate variation in activity regionally and across England. This report is based on the population of patients under the care of CCGs in the Wessex Region and provides important information about patient flows from these CCGs across all providers within this region.

Information on hospital admissions is presented by admission method (elective vs. emergency) and type of procedure (surgery, injections, pain management etc.) undertaken. The aim of this report is to assist both clinicians and commissioners in comparing treatment activity rates between regional providers and against national data to reduce variation and develop evidence based care pathways to improve patient outcomes.

Ongoing monitoring of this secondary care activity will evidence where changes implemented through the national pathfinder project for acute low back and radicular pain to provide timely access to evidence based treatments can improve the quality of patient care, provide community based alternatives to secondary care admissions for back pain and reduce secondary care expenditure.

It is important to note that this report is based on the cohort of patients with back and/or radicular pain but does not include patients who have back pain due to specific diagnosis such as cancer, infection, spinal trauma, inflammatory arthritis, cauda equine syndrome as these patients have very different treatment pathways of care.

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Introduction and background

Low back pain is extremely common and is the largest single cause of loss of disability adjusted life years, and the largest single cause of years lived with disability in England (Global Burden of Disease, 2013). In terms of disability adjusted life years lost per 100,000, low back pain is responsible for 2,313. By contrast the remainder of musculo-skeletal complaints counts for 911, depression 704 and diabetes 337. It should be borne in mind that this is principally occurring in people of working age, or with families. UK specific data shows that LBP was top cause of years lived with disability in both 1990 and 2010 – with a 12% increase over this time. Back pain accounts for 11% of the entire disability burden from all diseases in the UK; furthermore the burden is increasing both absolutely (3.7% increase) and proportionally (7% to 8.5%).

NEQOS have produced CCG and hospital Trust level activity profiles to understand the current position in terms of secondary care activity for back and radicular pain and have worked with a range of key stakeholders from both provider and commissioner organisations to develop the profiles to ensure that the indicators shown are appropriate and relevant to the project. This information needs to be viewed in conjunction with data soon to become available from Arthritis Research UK about the prevalence of back pain and associated risk factors and where possible with locally available data from general practice, including prescribing rates, and onward referrals from primary care (e.g. physiotherapy and radiology).

Technical specification

Following a data discovery exercise supported by Professor Charles Greenough (National Clinical Director for Spinal Disorders, South Tees NHS Foundation Trust), definitions for low back and radicular pain were developed based on a combination of diagnosis codes (ICD-10) and relevant secondary care procedures were identified using OPCS 4.7 codes. These codes have been supported by Mr Ashley Cole, Chair of Specialised Spinal Surgery Clinical Reference Group (Consultant Orthopaedic Surgeon, Northern General Hospital and Sheffield Children's Hospital).

Data definitions

Data Source: Hospital Episode Statistics (Health & Social Care Information Centre via HDIS). Please note that 2014/15 data is currently classed as provisional.

CCG populations: Health & Social Care Information Centre (Ages 15 & over as at April 2015) (Data was provided in 5 year ages bands, therefore we were unable to use exact figures for Ages 16 & over)

A summary of the data definitions used is shown below:

Time period: April 2011 - March 2015 Primary diagnosis = back pain (specific ICD10 codes) Limited to episode 1 Age 16 years and over Private patients are included unless specified Admission costs are based on the national tariff Directly Age & Sex Standardised Rates use the European Standard Populations

The NHS Trusts included for the Wessex Region are:

- Frimley Health NHS Foundation Trust
- Hampshire Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust
- Salisbury NHS Foundation Trust
- University Hospital Southampton NHS Foundation Trust
- Portsmouth Hospitals NHS Trust
- The Royal Bournemouth & Christchurch Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust
- Dorset Healthcare University NHS Foundation Trust
- Poole Hospital NHS Foundation Trust
- Isle Of Wight NHS Trust

The Independent Sector Providers included for the Wessex Region are:

- BMI The Hampshire Clinic
- New Hall Hospital
- Nuffield Health, Bournemouth Hospital

Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) activity summary

1. Hospital admissions for low back and radicular pain in people aged 16 years and over (April 2014 - March 2015), summary

a. Hospital admissions at national level, indicating back pain type and admission method

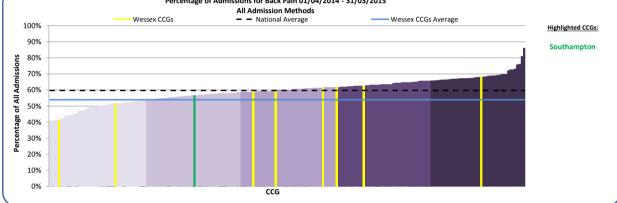
England	Back	Radicular	Total	% Back	% Radicular
Elective	134,448	102,808	237,256	56.7%	43.3%
Emergency	39,331	14,309	53,640	73.3%	26.7%
Other	771	951	1,722	44.8%	55.2%
Total	174,550	118,068	292,618	59.7%	40.3%

Wessex CCGs	Back	Radicular	Total	% Back	% Radicular
Elective	6,158	6,390	12,548	49.1%	50.9%
Emergency	2,059	605	2,664	77.3%	22.7%
Other	49	50	99	49.5%	50.5%
Total	8,266	7,045	15,311	54.0%	46.0%

b. Hospital admissions at CCG level, indicating proportion of admissions for back pain

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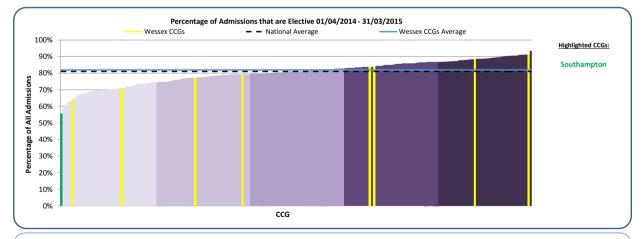




c. Hospital admissions at CCG level, by admission method

Table indicates the proportion of admissions for back and radicular pain that is recorded as elective

Southampton	55.7%	Isle Of Wight	83.6%
Portsmouth	64.0%	Dorset	83.8%
Fareham & Gosport	71.0%	North East Hampshire & Farnham	88.5%
South Eastern Hampshire	77.2%	North Hampshire	91.2%
West Hampshire	79.1%		
Wessex CCGs	82.0%	England	81.1%



What is the data telling us?

In the 2014/15 financial year period there were almost 300,000 admissions for back and radicular pain in England, with 15,311 (5.2%) of these for patients registered within the Wessex CCGs.

At a national level the proportional split for hospital admissions is 60% for back pain and 40% for radicular pain, and at CCG level in Wessex the proportion of admissions for back pain ranges from 42% to 68%.

Nationally, approximately 81% of back and radicular pain admissions are elective, with Wessex having a slightly higher proportion (82%). At a CCG level in Wessex, the proportion of elective admissions for these populations ranges from 58% in Southampton to 91% in North Hampshire.

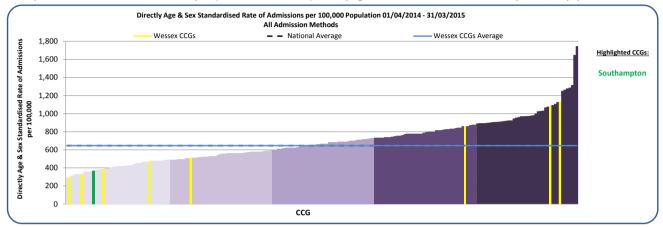
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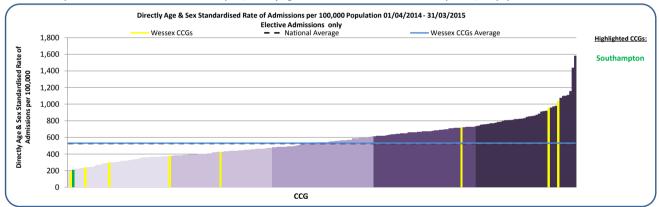
a. Hospital admissions for back pain by CCG (all admission methods), Directly Age & Sex Standardised Admission rate per 100,000 population

CCG name	All	Elective	Emergency	CCG name	All	Elective	Emergency
North Hampshire	1129.8	1029.9	96.9	South Eastern Hampshire	386.8	297.1	87.1
North East Hampshire & Farnham	1081.7	955.0	123.2	Southampton	366.1	209.4	153.3
Dorset	859.6	719.3	137.4	Fareham & Gosport	331.7	235.4	90.4
Isle Of Wight	509.2	421.0	80.1	Portsmouth	294.9	190.3	97.0
West Hampshire	475.3	374.6	95.6				
Wessex CCGs	644.9	529.8	111.1	England	645.6	526.5	115.4

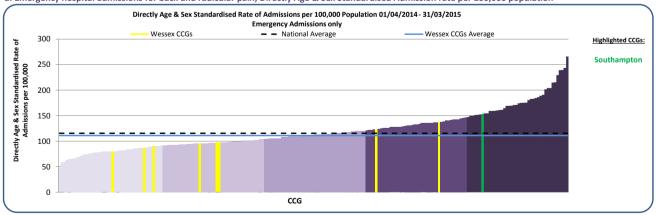
b. Hospital admissions for back and radicular pain (all admission methods), Directly Age & Sex Standardised Admission rate per 100,000 population



c. Elective hospital admissions for back and radicular pain, Directly Age & Sex Standardised Admission rate per 100,000 population



d. Emergency hospital admissions for back and radicular pain, Directly Age & Sex Standardised Admission rate per 100,000 population



What is the data telling us?

There is wide variation in elective admission rates across the CCGs within Wessex with over a 5.4-fold difference between the regional lowest (Portsmouth CCG) and the highest CCG for the region (North Hampshire CCG).

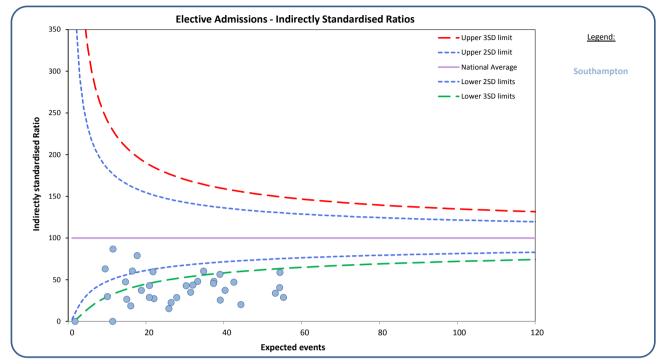
Similarly, for emergency admissions there is wide variation across the CCGs in the region, ranging from the regional lowest (Isle of Wight CCG) to the highest in the region (Southampton CCG).

Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) activity - GP practice level

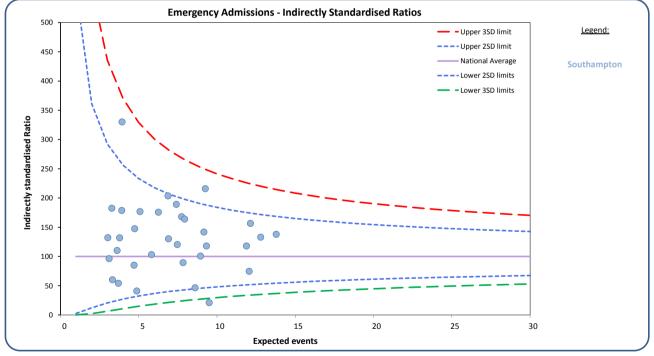
3. Hospital admissions for low back and radicular pain in people aged 16 years and over (April 2014 - March 2015)

Each symbol represents one GP practice

a. Hospital admissions for back pain (Elective admissions), Indirectly Standardised Ratio Southampton



b. Hospital admissions for back pain (Emergency admissions), Indirectly Standardised Ratio



What is the data telling us?

The admission rates for elective and emergency admissions for each GP practice within the CCG are expressed as Indirectly Standardised Ratios with 100 representing the national average. This adjustment has been made due to small numbers and in order that comparisons can be made between practices.

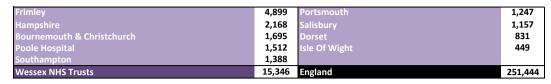
The upper and lower confidence limits on the funnel charts above are based on national data. Each circle represents the constituent GP Practices for the selected CCG(s). All GP practices within the funnel have admission rates that are not significantly different that the national rates with those above the upper blue funnel having significantly higher rates than the national average.

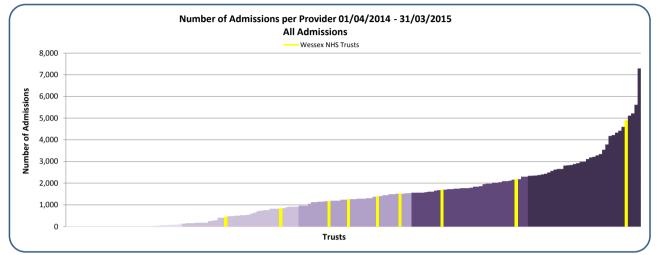
4. Indirectly Standardised Ratios for Elective & Emergency Admissions for Back & Radicular Pain, by GP Practice *Southampton*

Indirectly Standardised Ratios that are coloured Red are higher than 3 standard deviations from the mean. Those coloured Yellow are between 2 and 3 higher standard deviations from the mean.

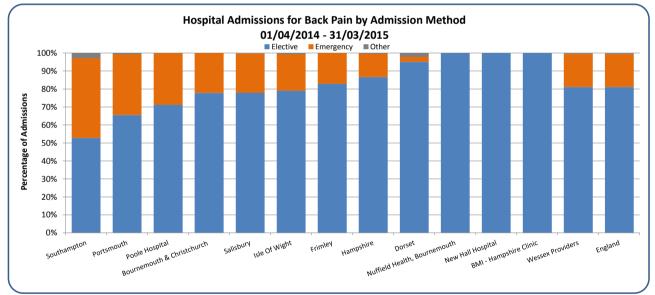
					Elective			Emergency	
Practice Code	Practice Name	CCG	Population 15+	Observed	Expected	Ratio	Observed	Expected	Ratio
J82001	Burgess Road Surgery	10X	7,239	6	26.47	22.67	14	6.88	203.58
J82002	Lordshill Health Centre	10X	8,574	20	42.58	46.97	20	9.26	216.01
J82022	Victor Street Surgery	10X	10,323	18	53.22	33.82	14	11.88	117.84
J82024	Nichols Town Surgery	10X	3,588		11.44		6	3.29	182.62
J82040	West End Road Surgery	10X	8,671	15	40.34	37.19	11	9.32	117.96
J82062	Cheviot Road Surgery	10X	12,089	22	54.34	40.48	17	12.80	132.85
J82076	Woolston Lodge Surgery	10X	7,664	22	39.01	56.39	<6	8.60	46.49
J82080	University Health Service	10X	14,481	7	18.81	37.21	<6	9.50	21.06
J82081	St.Mary's Surgery	10X	16,594	9	44.41	20.27	19	13.79	137.80
J82087	Stoneham Lane Surgery	10X	5,421	8	27.88	28.69	11	6.26	175.66
J82088	Grove Medical Practice	10X	8,306	10	39.08	25.59	9	8.95	100.59
J82092	Aldermoor Surgery	10X	6,516	11	31.49	34.93	9	6.91	130.29
J82101	Chessel Practice	10X	10,627	16	55.34	28.91	19	12.14	156.46
J82115	Atherley House Surgery	10X	3,865	<6	16.11	18.62	13	3.94	329.95
J82122	Alma Road Surgery	10X	8,426	18	37.44	48.07	13	9.17	141.80
J82126	Raymond Road Surgery	10X	3,047	<6	15.06	26.56	<6	3.63	110.34
J82128	Old Fire Station Surgery	10X	6,981	21	34.83	60.30	13	7.74	168.00
J82141	Bath Lodge Practice	10X	10,444	32	54.42	58.80	9	12.05	74.67
J82171	Bitterne Park Surgery	10X	7,213	16	33.27	48.08	7	7.83	89.41
J82180	Townhill Surgery	10X	4,394	13	21.80	59.62	7	4.75	147.43
J82182	Canute Surgery	10X	3,738	14	17.72	78.99	7	3.92	178.72
J82183	Mulberry House Surgery	10X	5,192	<6	25.88	15.45	6	5.82	103.10
J82187	Weston Lane Surgery	10X	7,207	14	32.06	43.66	9	7.47	120.47
J82203	Regents Park Surgery	10X	4,700	6	22.04	27.22	9	5.09	176.91
J82207	Hill Lane Surgery	10X	6,973	13	30.33	42.87	14	7.40	189.08
J82208	St.Peters Surgery	10X	4,210	6	20.85	28.78	<6	4.71	84.94
J82213	Brook House Surgery	10X	3,588	10	16.52	60.52	<6	3.70	54.07
J82217	Homeless Healthcare Team	10X	503		1.78		<6	0.47	633.05
J82605	Walnut Tree Surgery	10X	3,304	6	9.52	63.02	<6	3.11	96.41
J82619	Portswood Solent Surgery	10X	4,302	9	20.91	43.04	<6	4.88	40.98
J82622	Ladies Walk Practice	10X	7,037	17	37.36	45.51	13	7.94	163.81
J82631	Bargate Medical Centre	10X	3,872	7	14.76	47.43	<6	3.79	131.95
J82663	Highfield Health	10X	3,682	<6	10.08	29.76	<6	3.33	60.07
Y02838	Adelaide Gp Surgery	10X	3,284	10	11.52	86.79	<6	3.02	132.29

5. Hospital admissions for low back and radicular pain in people aged 16 years and over (April 2014 - March 2015) a. Number of hospital admissions for back pain (all admission methods, NHS Trusts only)





b. Number of admissions per hospital Trust, by admission method (Wessex Providers only)



What is the data telling us?

The total number of admissions for back pain, rather than a rate, is presented due to the absence of a relevant denominator at hospital Trust level. Activity for the 9 NHS Trusts used by the Wessex CCGs is highly variable with Frimley Trust in the highest quintile when comparing all NHS Trusts nationally.

The proportion of hospital activity for back pain which is classed as elective care for Wessex is similar to the England proportion. However at NHS Trust level the proportion varies between 53% at Southampton Trust to 95% at Dorset Trust. All NHS activity at the Independent Sector Providers is classed as elective.

5. Hospital admissions for low back and radicular pain in people aged 16 years and over (April 2014 - March 2015) c. Elective admissions for back and radicular pain, by treatment specialty (Wessex Providers only)

	Pain						
	Management &	Trauma &	Spinal Surgery	Interventional			
Provider Name	Anaesthetics	Orthopaedics	Service	Radiology	Neurosurgery	Other Functions	Total
Frimley	2,325	1,716	-	-	-	20	4,061
Hampshire	828	1,024	-	<6	-	25	1,877
Salisbury	-	894	-	-	-	7	901
Southampton	-	32	-	130	377	193	732
Portsmouth	504	294	-	-	-	19	817
Bournemouth & Christchurch	488	6	-	79	-	746	1,319
Dorset	135	636	-	-	-	19	790
Poole Hospital	-	-	-	-	-	1,077	1,077
Isle Of Wight	353	<6	-	-	-	<6	353
BMI - Hampshire Clinic	603	95	-	-	-	71	769
New Hall Hospital	-	274	1,282	-	-	<6	1,556
Nuffield Health, Bournemouth	402	-	-	-	-	-	402
Total	5,638	4,971	1,282	209	377	2,177	14,654

d. Elective admissions for injections for back and radicular pain, by injection type and treatment specialty (national data)

Treatment Function Title	Other Back Pain Injection	Epidural (not specified)	Epidural Lumbar	Epidural Sacral	Injection Facet Joint	Spinal Nerve Root Injection	Total
Pain Management & Anaesthetics	11,485	1,572	19,926	12,780	46,506	12,482	104,751
Trauma & Orthopaedics	1,286	175	4,190	15,658	10,080	11,518	42,907
Spinal Surgery Service	200	60	590	1,430	2,338	3,571	8,189
Neurosurgery	191	123	1,074	600	1,270	1,303	4,561
Interventional Radiology	14	1	18	3	656	2,961	3,653
Rheumatology	38	12	138	2,428	390	32	3,038
Other Treatment Functions	24	10	81	278	223	591	1,207
Total	13,238	1,953	26,017	33,177	61,463	32,458	168,306

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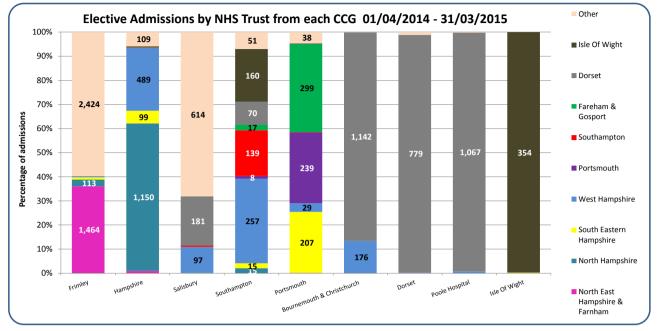
For elective activity the treatment specialty code indicated within the hospital data varies by hospital trust. Overall the most common specialties are Trauma and Orthopaedics and Pain Management/Anaesthetics, however for Southampton Trust the highest volume of activity is recorded within Neurosurgery.

The second table shows the different types of injections being undertaken within each of the treatment function codes and demonstrates that nationally over 62% (104,751) of injections take place within Pain Management/Anaesthetics and 25% of injections are undertaken within Trauma and Orthopaedics.

The most common injection type is facet joint injections, which mainly take place within Pain Management/Anaesthetics treatment function, but are also being used in Trauma and Orthopaedics, Spinal Surgery Service and Neurosurgery.

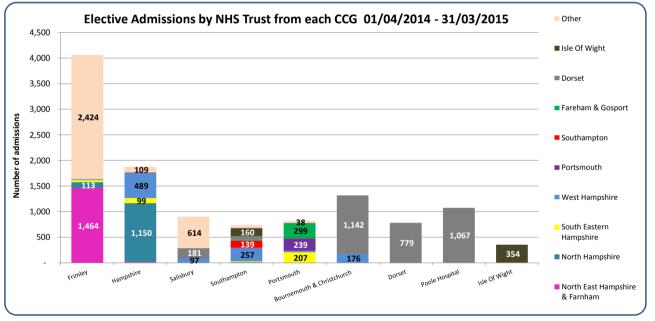
Hospital Trust activity from CCGs

6. Patient flows from CCG to Hospital Trust for back and radicular pain in people aged 16 years and over (April 2014 - March 2015)



a. Hospital elective admissions by CCG population (percentage of activity)

b. Hospital elective admissions by CCG population (actual activity)



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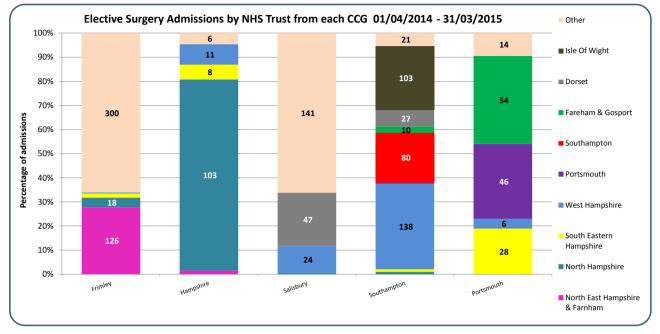
There is variation between hospital trusts in terms of the number of patients from each of the CCGs that are admitted for back and radicular pain.

The highest volume NHS Trusts used by the Wessex CCGs is Frimley which is located just outside this region and they therefore also admit a high volume of patients from several different CCGs outside of this region. This is in contrast to the Dorset and Poole Hospital Trusts which predominantly admit patients from Dorset CCG.

The data is shown in two ways, indicating both the proportion and number of admissions relating to each CCG.

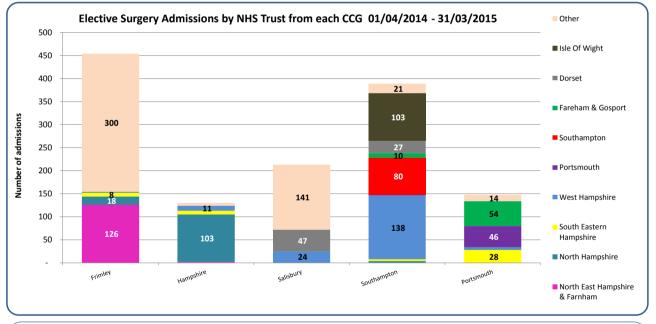
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c. Hospital elective admissions for surgery by CCG population (percentage of activity)

d. Hospital elective admissions for surgery by CCG population (actual activity)



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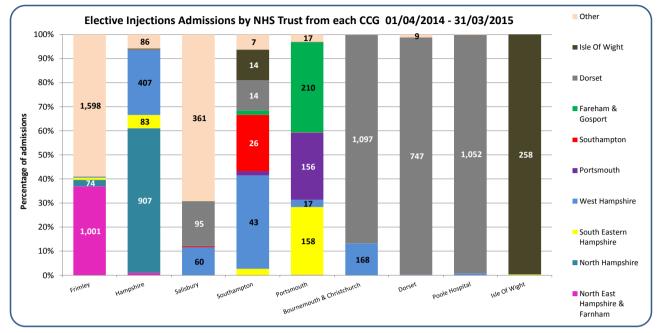
There is variation between hospital trusts in terms of the number of patients from each of the CCGs that are admitted for spinal surgery back and radicular pain.

The highest volume NHS Trusts used by the Wessex CCGs for spinal surgery is Frimley which is located just outside this region and they therefore also admit a high volume of patients from several different CCGs outside of this region. This is in contrast to the Southampton Trust which mainly admits patients from the Wessex CCGs and very few from outside the region.

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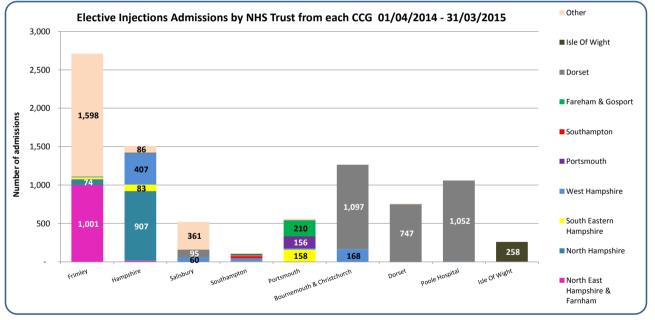
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e. Hospital elective admissions for injections by CCG population (percentage of activity)

f. Hospital elective admissions for injections by CCG population (actual activity)



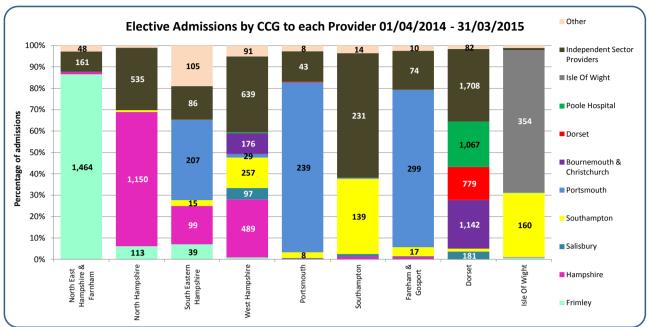
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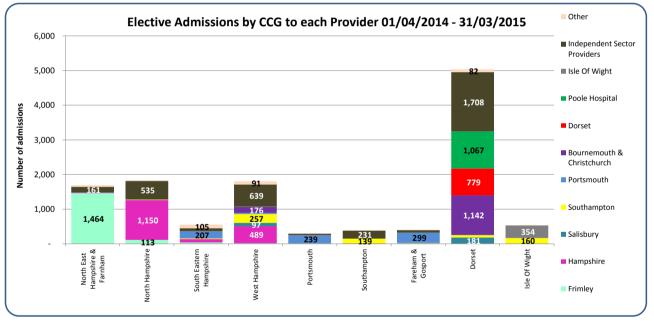
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CCG activity to Hospital Trust



7. Patient flows to Hospital Trusts from CCGs for back pain in people aged 16 years and over (April 2014 - March 2015) a. Hospital elective admissions by CCG population (percentage of activity)

b. Hospital elective admissions from each CCG (actual activity)



What is the data telling us?

There is variation between CCGs in terms of the number of hospital trusts to which their patients are admitted.

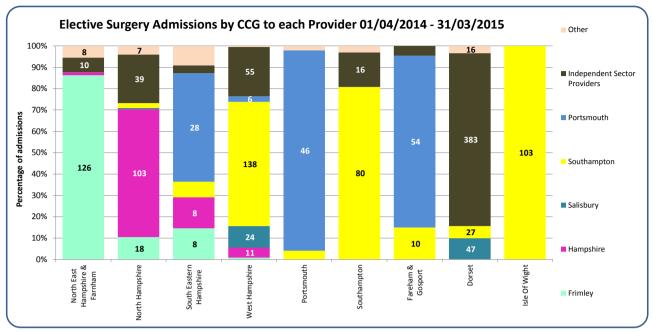
Activity is highest for Dorsett CCG and patients from this CCG were admitted to at least six NHS Trusts and also frequently used Independent Sector Providers (1,708 admissions).

West and North Hampshire CCGs are also high users of Independent Sector Providers in Wessex.

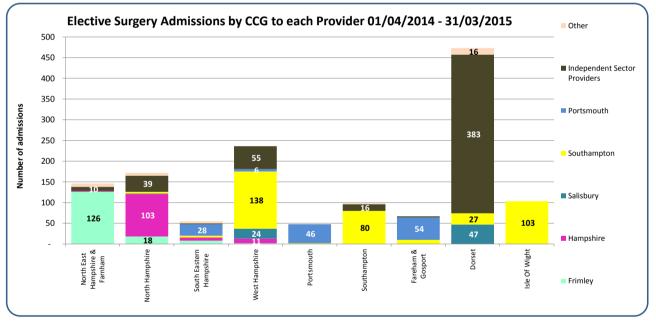
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d. Hospital elective admissions for surgery from each CCG (actual activity)



What is the data telling us?

There is variation between CCGs in terms of the number of hospital trusts to which their patients are admitted for spinal surgery.

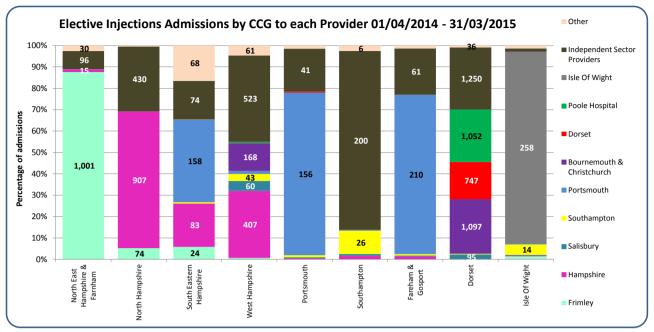
Activity is highest for Dorsett CCG and patients from this CCG were admitted to at two NHS Trusts and also frequently used Independent Sector Providers (383 admissions).

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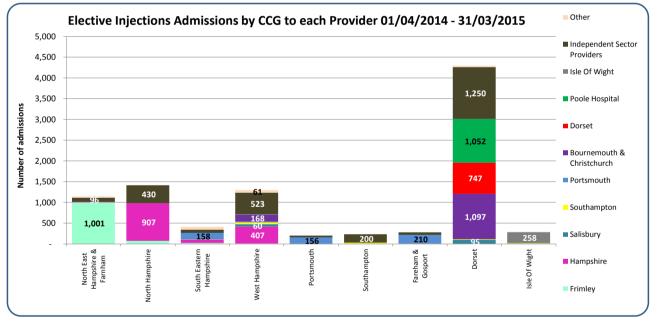
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f. Hospital elective admissions for injections from each CCG (actual activity)



What is the data telling us?

There is variation between CCGs in terms of the number of hospital trusts to which their patients are admitted for injections.

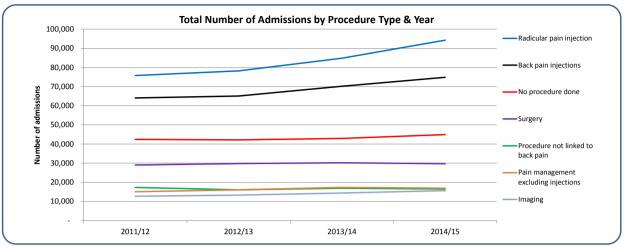
Activity is highest for Dorsett CCG and patients from this CCG were admitted to at least five NHS Trusts and also frequently used Independent Sector Providers (1,250 admissions).

West and North Hampshire CCGs are also high users of Independent Sector Providers and were used for over 80% of admissions for injections for Southampton CCG.

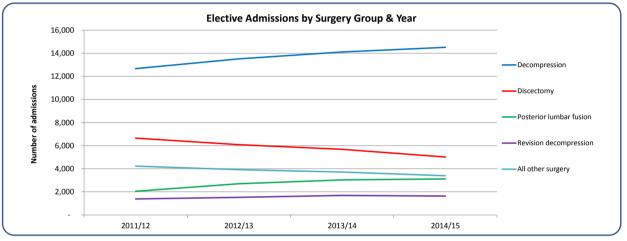
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Hospital Trust activity (national level)

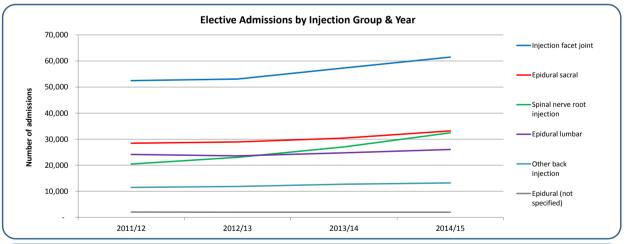
8. Hospital admissions for low back and radicular pain in people aged 16 years and over (1st April 2011 - 31st March 2015) a. Hospital admissions by procedure type over time (all admission types)



b. Elective hospital admissions by surgery procedure type over time



c. Hospital admissions by injection procedure type over time



What is the data telling us?

These charts show national trends in the types of procedures undertaken during elective admissions including a group where no procedure was undertaken during their admission. There is also a category listed as 'procedure not linked to back pain' which reports admission activity where there is a primary diagnosis of back pain but with a procedure not linked to back pain.

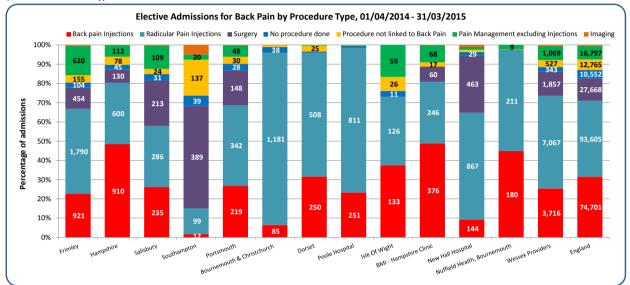
The main procedure type relating to elective admissions are for back and radicular pain injections which has increased from a combined total of just under 140,000 to 170,000 episodes over the four year period. This is in stark contrast to number of admissions related to surgery which has remained relatively constant at 30,000 admissions per year. The proportion of admissions with no procedure reported has remained at approximately 15-16% of all activity.

The charts in sections b and c show the elective admissions over time specifically for different groups of surgery procedures and injections.

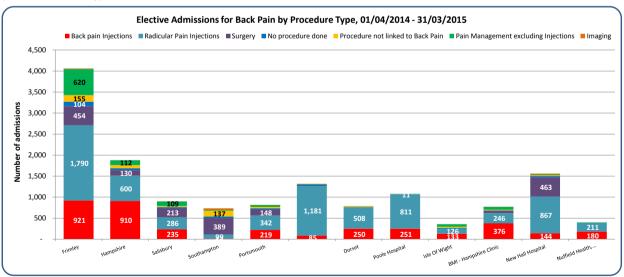
9. Elective hospital admissions for low back and radicular pain in people aged 16 years and over (April 2014 - March 2015) a. Elective hospital admissions by procedure type (national level including all providers)

Procedure type	Back	Radicular	Total	%
Radicular Pain Injections	40,034	53,571	93,605	39.5%
Back Pain Injections	62,317	12,384	74,701	31.5%
Surgery	3,925	23,743	27,668	11.7%
Pain Management excluding Injections	13,150	3,647	16,797	7.19
Procedure not linked to Back Pain	8,197	4,568	12,765	5.4%
No procedure done	6,060	4,492	10,552	4.4%
Imaging	712	373	1,085	0.5%
Other Non-Surgical	53	30	83	0.0%
Total	134,448	102,808	237,256	100%

b. Number of elective admissions per hospital Trust, by procedure type (percentage of activity) (Wessex Providers only)



c. Number of elective admissions per hospital Trust, by procedure type (actual activity) (Wessex Providers only)



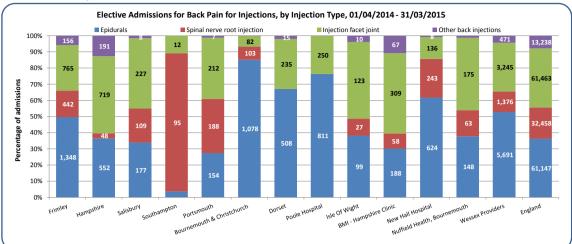
What is the data telling us?

The table shows the number of procedures done in the latest 12 month period, by procedure type, with injections being the most common elective procedure. Nationally only 4.4% of elective admissions have no procedure recorded indicating that there are relatively few elective admissions where no procedure is undertaken (compared to 15-16% of all admission types - see previous sheet).

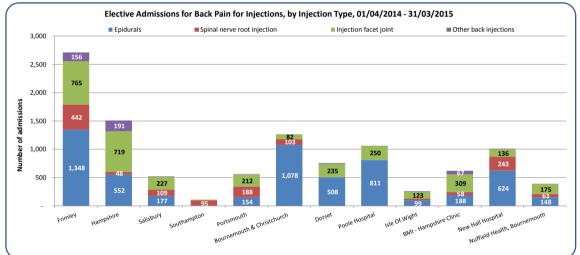
Four of the NHS Trusts used by Wessex CCGs have a higher proportion of elective activity for injections than the England rate (approx. 70%) and it is possible that the variation may be even greater due to differences in the point of delivery of care across hospital Trusts (for example it is possible that activity may also take place as outpatient procedures).

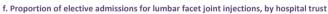
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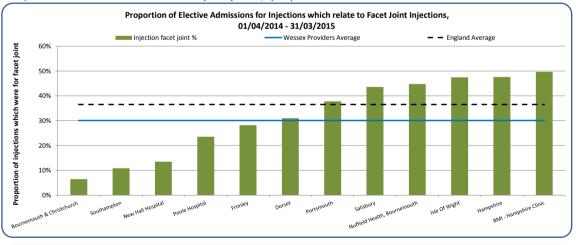
9. Elective hospital admissions for low back and radicular pain in people aged 16 years and over (April 2014 - March 2015) d. Number of elective admissions for injections per hospital Trust, by injection type (percentage of activity) (Wessex Providers only)



e. Number of elective admissions for injections per hospital Trust, by injection type (actual activity) (Wessex Providers only)





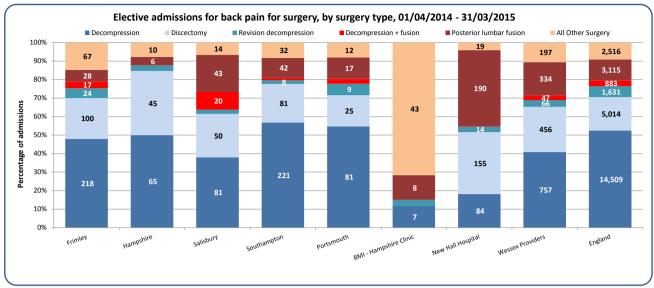


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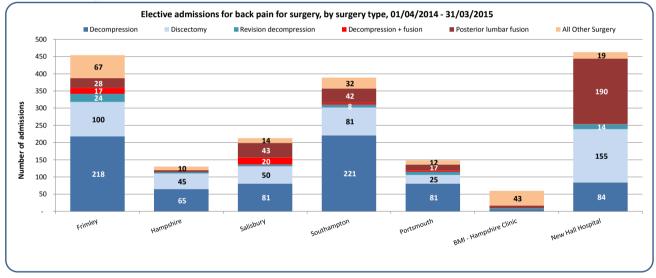
Epidurals are those most frequently done within the providers for the Wessex CCGs, constituting over 53% of injection activity which is notably higher than the England proportion (36%). These providers overall do lower proportion of lumbar facet joint and spinal nerve root injections. The data is shown in two ways, indicating both the proportion of overall activity and number of episodes for each Provider.

Bournemouth & Christchurch, Dorset and Poole Hospital Trusts do markedly higher proportion of epidurals compared to all of the other providers. The proportion of facet joint injections done at NHS Trust level ranges from 6% (Bournemouth & Christchurch) to 48% (Hampshire) compared to the England figure of 37%.

9. Elective hospital admissions for low back and radicular pain in people aged 16 years and over (April 2014 - March 2015) g. Number of elective admissions for surgery per hospital Trust, by surgery type (percentage of activity) (Wessex Providers only)



h. Number of elective admissions for surgery per hospital Trust, by surgery type (actual activity) (Wessex Providers only)



What is the data telling us?

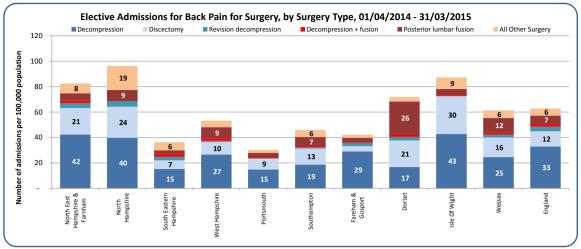
The charts above show the range in activity relating specifically to elective admissions for surgery, by type of surgery, for the providers used by the Wessex CCGs.

These providers overall do notably higher proportion of fusions compared to the England profile. There are variations at Trust level between the three high volume centres with higher proportion of fusions most notably at the Independent Sector Provider, New Hall Hospital.

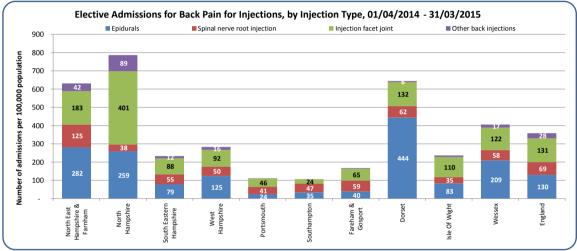
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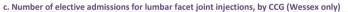
CCG activity by back pain procedure group

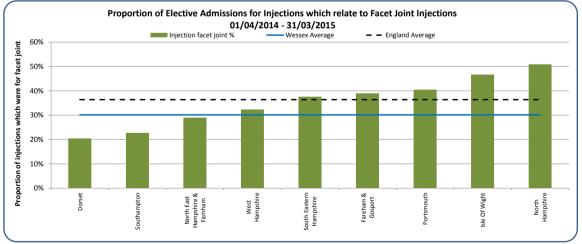
10. Elective hospital admissions for low back and radicular pain in people aged 16 years and over (April 2014 - March 2015) a. Number of elective admissions for surgery per CCG, by surgery type (Wessex only)











What is the data telling us?

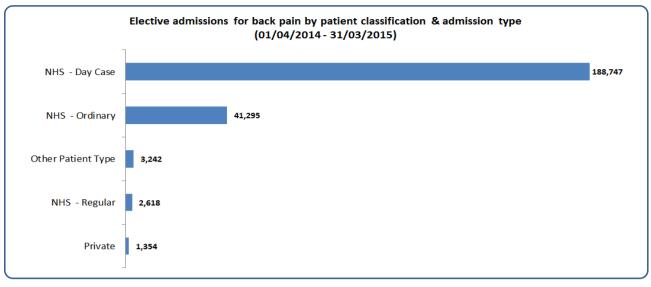
Chart 9a shows the range in the activity rate relating specifically to elective admissions for surgery, by type of surgery, for the South of West Midland CCGs, with chart 9b showing the same for injections.

Overall, this region has similar rates per 100,000 for surgery but there is wide variation between the CCGs with North Hampshire CCG having higher rates of surgery and Portsmouth CCG the lowest rates.

This region also has similar rates per 100,000 for injections but again there is variation between the CCGs with North Hampshire CCG having higher rates of surgery and Portsmouth and Southampton CCGs the lowest rates.

The proportion of facet joint injections done at CCG level ranges from 20% (Dorset) to 51% (North Hampshire) compared to the England figure of 37%.

11. Hospital admissions for low back and radicular pain in people aged 16 years and over (April 2014 - March 2015) a. Elective admissions for back pain by patient classification and type, all providers

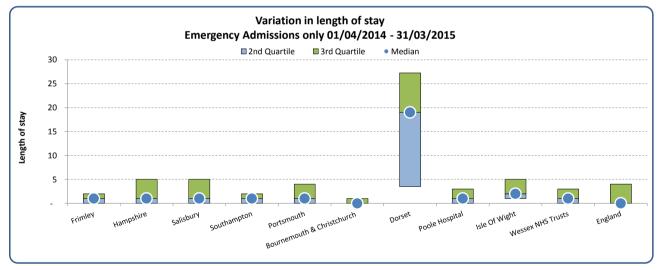


Other Patient Types are Amenity patients and Category II patients, and where the Administrative Category is unknown.

b. Elective admissions for back pain, average length of stay by provider

67% of elective admissions for back pain are day cases, therefore the range in length of stay has not been calculated.

c. Emergency admissions for back pain, average length of stay by provider (Wessex Trusts only)



What is the data telling us?

Over 98% of elective admissions for back pain in the current data extraction relate to NHS patients, with just over 0.5% relating to private patients.

The boxplot indicates the variation in length of stay for emergency admissions to NHS Trusts used by the Wessex CCGs and shows that there Dorset Trusts has a significantly higher median length of stay compared to all the other Trusts in the region and the England average of zero days.

Hospital Trust Activity Total Costs

12. Total costs to the commissioner for hospital admissions for low back and radicular pain in people aged 16 years and over (April 2014 - March 2015)

a. Total Costs by Admission Method Type (Wessex FTs only)

Provider Name	Ele	ctive	Eme	ergency	Othe	r	To	tal
Frimley	£	4,847,361	£	967,824	£	28,612	£	5,843,797
Southampton	£	3,436,415	£	755,208	£	136,823	£	4,328,446
Hampshire	£	1,617,721	£	444,443	£	24,737	£	2,086,901
Salisbury	£	1,580,470	£	372,849	£	1,272	£	1,954,590
Portsmouth	£	1,250,133	£	586,984	£	24,481	£	1,861,598
Poole Hospital	£	706,627	£	459,519	£	15,323	£	1,181,468
Bournemouth & Christchurch	£	846,599	£	295,019	£	-	£	1,141,618
Dorset	£	657,243	£	90,412	£	70,821	£	818,476
Isle Of Wight	£	230,889	£	126,263	£	4,939	£	362,091
Total	£	15,173,458	£	4,098,521	£	307,007	£	19,578,986

b. Total Costs by Procedure Type (Wessex FTs only)

											Pain							
									Procedure not				Man	agement				
			Rad	icular pain	Back	k pain	No	procedure	link	ed to back			exclu	ıding	Other N	lon-		
Provider Name	Sur	gery	Inje	ctions	Inje	ctions	don	e	pain		Ima	ging	Injec	tions	Surgica	I	Tot	al
Frimley	£	2,154,365	£	1,342,999	£	594,304	£	512,988	£	369,788	£	334,263	£	535,089	£	-	£	5,843,797
Southampton	£	2,394,361	£	157,133	£	7,452	£	413,123	£	1,044,803	£	258,840	£	52,733	£	-	£	4,328,446
Hampshire	£	566,987	£	425,744	£	527,655	£	272,016	£	139,681	£	99,499	£	55,318	£	-	£	2,086,901
Salisbury	£	1,262,410	£	161,184	£	57,725	£	161,698	£	129,773	£	125,069	£	56,732	£	-	£	1,954,590
Portsmouth	£	799,315	£	231,185	£	141,159	£	310,717	£	193,052	£	158,380	£	27,790	£	-	£	1,861,598
Poole Hospital	£	-	£	550,530	£	155,636	£	277,906	£	12,790	£	183,879	£	727	£	-	£	1,181,468
Bournemouth & Christchurch	£	-	£	771,482	£	51,747	£	225,281	£	56,147	£	36,961	£	-	£	-	£	1,141,618
Dorset	£	-	£	339,607	£	157,122	£	33,458	£	287,260	£	-	£	1,029	£	-	£	818,476
Isle Of Wight	£	-	£	86,556	£	81,207	£	55,152	£	50,908	£	58,060	£	30,209	£	-	£	362,091
Total	£	7,177,438	£	4,066,421	£	1,774,007	£	2,262,340	£	2,284,202	£	1,254,950	£	759,628	£	-	£	19,578,986

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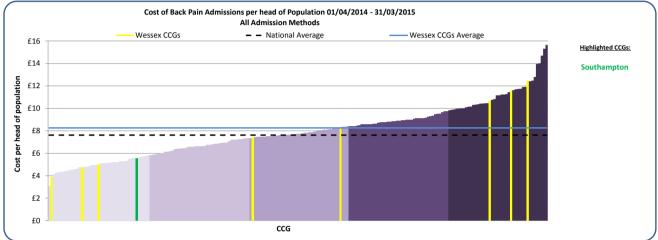
Across all NHS Trusts used by the Wessex CCGs in 2014/15 the total cost to commissioners for back and radicular pain admissions was approximately £19.6 million, with 77% of the costs attributed to elective activity. Note that these costs are by provider Trust and will include activity for CCGs outside of the Wessex region. The surgery procedures group accounts for almost 37% of the total cost of all procedures, and the cost of injections is an additional 30% of the total.

CCG Activity Total Costs

13. Hospital admissions Total Cost for low back and radicular pain in people aged 16 years and over (April 2014 - March 2015) a. All Admission Methods - Table

		All Ad	miss	sions		Elective A	۱dm	nissions		Emergency	Adr	nissions	
													Registered
	Cos	t per head			Cos	t per head			Cos	t per head			Population
Responsible CCG Name	of F	opulation	То	tal Cost	of P	opulation	Tot	tal Cost	of F	opulation	Tota	al Cost	(Ages 15+)
Portsmouth	£	3.84	£	699,340	£	2.56	£	467,263	£	1.16	£	211,053	182,333
Fareham & Gosport	£	4.75	£	800,927	£	3.44	£	580,152	£	1.23	£	207,498	168,533
South Eastern Hampshire	£	5.04	£	890,201	£	3.67	£	648,214	£	1.31	£	231,203	176,743
Southampton	£	5.56	£	1,257,744	£	4.02	£	907,940	£	1.44	£	326,412	226,055
West Hampshire	£	7.40	£	3,402,460	£	5.98	£	2,749,709	£	1.23	£	566,878	459,535
Isle Of Wight	£	8.33	£	1,010,755	£	6.91	£	839,239	£	1.28	£	155,350	121,392
Dorset	£	10.67	£	7,118,482	£	8.98	£	5,988,138	£	1.55	£	1,032,443	667,118
North East Hampshire & Farnham	£	11.58	£	2,106,103	£	10.09	£	1,835,449	£	1.35	£	245,563	181,881
North Hampshire	£	12.39	£	2,238,932	£	10.56	£	1,908,192	£	1.64	£	296,081	180,769
Wessex Total	£	8.26	£	19,524,943	£	6.74	£	15,924,295	£	1.38	£	3,272,482	2,364,359

b. All Admission Methods - Quintile Chart



c. Elective Admissions only, by Procedure Type

			Rac	licular pain	Back	(pain	No pro	ocedure		edure not d to back				agement	Other	Non-	1	Fotal Cost
Responsible CCG Name	Su	rgery	Inje	ctions	Inje	tions	done		pain		Imag	ing	Injed	tions	Surgic	al		
Dorset	£	2,711,449	£	2,205,878	£	525,748	£	32,365	£	456,524	£	12,540	£	42,901	£	732	£	5,988,138
West Hampshire	£	1,320,326	£	596,687	£	284,049	£	2,288	£	439,946	£	11,039	£	95,373	£	-	£	2,749,709
North Hampshire	£	812,011	£	362,249	£	526,848	£	5,141	£	134,177	£	930	£	66,837	£	-	£	1,908,192
North East Hampshire & Farnham	£	721,545	£	535,656	£	258,201	£	7,394	£	108,976	£	4,067	£	199,610	£	-	£	1,835,449
Southampton	£	613,651	£	110,259	£	33,997	£	6,038	£	121,797	£	4,710	£	17,488	£	-	£	907,940
Isle Of Wight	£	468,578	£	97,195	£	88,372	£	12,867	£	116,733	£	13,562	£	41,932	£	-	£	839,239
South Eastern Hampshire	£	283,434	£	158,334	£	106,882	£	-	£	64,062	£	3,242	£	32,260	£	-	£	648,214
Fareham & Gosport	£	320,462	£	109,279	£	70,447	£	6,970	£	58,096	£	-	£	14,898	£	-	£	580,152
Portsmouth	£	227,680	£	78,462	£	60,161	£	4,211	£	85,964	£	2,356	£	8,429	£	-	£	467,263

What is the data telling us?

There is wide variation across the CCGs in Wessex in cost per head of population for admissions related to back and radicular pain.

North Hampshire CCG has the highest spend per head of population regionally (£12.39) driven mainly by high costs for elective admissions. Portsmouth CCG has the lowest costs per head for both emergency and elective admissions (£3.84) in the region as well as being the second lowest nationally.

The final table shows the total spend for elective admissions for each CCG for 2014/15 (based on national tariff) and includes a breakdown of this spend by procedure type. Surgery generally accounts for the majority of spend, but for several CCGs in Wessex more is spent on admissions for injections compared to what is spent on surgery. Most notably, this happens in the 3 CCGs in Wessex with the highest spend per head.

14. Back & Radicular Pain Admissions Breakdown for the Wessex Region

Highlighted Provider Data is included in this report (Blue=NHS Trust & Green=Independent Sector Provider)

Code	Provider Name	Ele Surgery	ctive Admissi Injections	ons Other	Emergency Admissions	Other Admission Types	Total
RN5	HAMPSHIRE HOSPITALS NHS FOUNDATION TRUST	124	1,424	221	253	7	2,029
RDU	FRIMLEY HEALTH NHS FOUNDATION TRUST	154	1,113	370	208	-	1,845
RDZ RD3	THE ROYAL BOURNEMOUTH AND CHRISTCHURCH HOSPITALS NHS FOUNDATION TRUST POOLE HOSPITAL NHS FOUNDATION TRUST		1,265 1,060	53 15	362 425	- <6	1,680 1,502
VC09	NEW HALL HOSPITAL	427	956	69		-	1,502
RHM	UNIVERSITY HOSPITAL SOUTHAMPTON NHS FOUNDATION TRUST	368	104	209	583	33	1,297
RHU	PORTSMOUTH HOSPITALS NHS TRUST	134	544	101	410	7	1,196
RDY NT418	DORSET HEALTHCARE UNIVERSITY NHS FOUNDATION TRUST BMI - THE HAMPSHIRE CLINIC	- 46	749 497	32 70	24	17	822 613
R1F	ISLE OF WIGHT NHS TRUST	-	259	96	86	<6	444
NT202	NUFFIELD HEALTH, BOURNEMOUTH HOSPITAL	-	386	11	-	-	397
RNZ	SALISBURY NHS FOUNDATION TRUST	72	160	55 25	57	-	344
NT304 NT433	SPIRE SOUTHAMPTON HOSPITAL BMI - SARUM ROAD HOSPITAL	6	226 204	25 46	-	-	257 250
NTP11	SOUTHAMPTON NHS TREATMENT CENTRE	-	206	9	-	-	215
NT345	SPIRE CLARE PARK HOSPITAL	11	95	55	-	-	161
RBD RW1	DORSET COUNTY HOSPITAL NHS FOUNDATION TRUST SOUTHERN HEALTH NHS FOUNDATION TRUST	-	<6 55	<6 20	124 17	- 19	130 111
RA2	ROYAL SURREY COUNTY HOSPITAL NHS FOUNDATION TRUST	- 7	60	20	26	- 19	100
RYR	WESTERN SUSSEX HOSPITALS NHS FOUNDATION TRUST	-	35	26	8	-	69
NT419	BMI - THE HARBOUR HOSPITAL	-	65	<6	-	-	67
RAN	ROYAL NATIONAL ORTHOPAEDIC HOSPITAL NHS TRUST	<6	12	16	-	-	32
RA4 NV302	YEOVIL DISTRICT HOSPITAL NHS FOUNDATION TRUST CIRCLE BATH HOSPITAL	6	14	<6	27		27 21
RJ1	GUY'S AND ST THOMAS' NHS FOUNDATION TRUST	<6	7	6	- <6	-	18
RBA	TAUNTON AND SOMERSET NHS FOUNDATION TRUST	7	8	<6	<6	-	17
RRV	UNIVERSITY COLLEGE LONDON HOSPITALS NHS FOUNDATION TRUST	<6	<6	11	<6	-	16
RH8 R1C	ROYAL DEVON AND EXETER NHS FOUNDATION TRUST SOLENT NHS TRUST	<6	10	<6 <6	<6 <6	- 9	15 14
R1C RVJ	SOLENT NHS TRUST NORTH BRISTOL NHS TRUST	- <6	- <6	<6 9	<6 <6	-	14 14
RHW	ROYAL BERKSHIRE NHS FOUNDATION TRUST	<6	6	<6	<6	-	13
ุญ7	ST GEORGE'S UNIVERSITY HOSPITALS NHS FOUNDATION TRUST	<6	<6	<6	<6	<6	10
RTH	OXFORD UNIVERSITY HOSPITALS NHS TRUST	<6		6	<6	-	9
NT212 NV323	NUFFIELD HEALTH, CHICHESTER HOSPITAL CIRCLE READING HOSPITAL	<6 <6	7 <6	-	-	-	8
RJZ	KING'S COLLEGE HOSPITAL NHS FOUNDATION TRUST	<0 <6	<0 <6	-	- <6	-	<6
RTK	ASHFORD AND ST PETER'S HOSPITALS NHS FOUNDATION TRUST	-	<6	<6	<6	-	<6
NT402	BMI - BATH CLINIC	<6	<6	-	-	-	<6
NVC02 RKE	THE BERKSHIRE INDEPENDENT HOSPITAL THE WHITTINGTON HOSPITAL NHS TRUST	<6	<6 <6	-	- <6	-	<6 <6
RQM	CHELSEA AND WESTMINSTER HOSPITAL NHS FOUNDATION TRUST	-	<0 -	- <6	<6	-	<6
RXQ	BUCKINGHAMSHIRE HEALTHCARE NHS TRUST	-	<6	-	<6	-	<6
RYJ	IMPERIAL COLLEGE HEALTHCARE NHS TRUST	-	-	<6	<6	-	<6
NT337 NT344	SPIRE LIVERPOOL HOSPITAL	-	<6	<6	-	-	<6
NT344 NT417	SPIRE DUNEDIN HOSPITAL BMI - GORING HALL HOSPITAL	<6 -	<6 <6	- <6	-	-	<6 <6
RAL	ROYAL FREE LONDON NHS FOUNDATION TRUST	-	<6	-	-	-	<6
RAS	THE HILLINGDON HOSPITALS NHS FOUNDATION TRUST	-	<6	-	<6	-	<6
RD1	ROYAL UNITED HOSPITALS BATH NHS FOUNDATION TRUST	-	-	<6	-	-	<6
rjr RK9	COUNTESS OF CHESTER HOSPITAL NHS FOUNDATION TRUST PLYMOUTH HOSPITALS NHS TRUST				<6 <6	-	<6 <6
RR1	HEART OF ENGLAND NHS FOUNDATION TRUST				<6	-	<0 <6
RRJ	THE ROYAL ORTHOPAEDIC HOSPITAL NHS FOUNDATION TRUST	-	<6	-	-	-	<6
RRK	UNIVERSITY HOSPITALS BIRMINGHAM NHS FOUNDATION TRUST	-	-	<6	<6	-	<6
RTE RTP	GLOUCESTERSHIRE HOSPITALS NHS FOUNDATION TRUST SURREY AND SUSSEX HEALTHCARE NHS TRUST	<6	<6	- <6	- <6	-	<6 <6
RVR	EPSOM AND ST HELIER UNIVERSITY HOSPITALS NHS TRUST	-	- <6	-	-	- <6	<6
RWH	EAST AND NORTH HERTFORDSHIRE NHS TRUST	-	-	<6	<6	-	<6
RXH	BRIGHTON AND SUSSEX UNIVERSITY HOSPITALS NHS TRUST				<6	-	<6
NT214 NT238	NUFFIELD HEALTH, WESSEX HOSPITAL NUFFIELD HEALTH, TAUNTON HOSPITAL	- <6	- <6	<6	-	-	<6 <6
NT422	BMI - THE LONDON INDEPENDENT HOSPITAL	<6	<0	-	-	-	<6
NT428	BMI - THE PRINCESS MARGARET HOSPITAL	-	<6	-	-	-	<6
NT430	BMI - THE RIDGEWAY HOSPITAL	<6	<6	-	-	-	<6
R1K	LONDON NORTH WEST HEALTHCARE NHS TRUST				<6	-	<6
RAJ RAX	SOUTHEND UNIVERSITY HOSPITAL NHS FOUNDATION TRUST KINGSTON HOSPITAL NHS FOUNDATION TRUST	-	<6	-	<6	-	<6 <6
RBK	WALSALL HEALTHCARE NHS TRUST	-	<6	-	-	-	<6
RBN	ST HELENS AND KNOWSLEY HOSPITALS NHS TRUST				<6	-	<6
RC9	LUTON AND DUNSTABLE UNIVERSITY HOSPITAL NHS FOUNDATION TRUST				<6	-	<6
RD8 REF	MILTON KEYNES HOSPITAL NHS FOUNDATION TRUST ROYAL CORNWALL HOSPITALS NHS TRUST				<6 <6	-	<6 <6
REF	AINTREE UNIVERSITY HOSPITALS NHS TRUST				<6 <6	-	<6
RJ2	LEWISHAM AND GREENWICH NHS TRUST				<6	-	<6
ŊF	BURTON HOSPITALS NHS FOUNDATION TRUST				<6	-	<6
KB	UNIVERSITY HOSPITALS COVENTRY AND WARWICKSHIRE NHS TRUST				<6	-	<6
RM1 RN3	NORFOLK AND NORWICH UNIVERSITY HOSPITALS NHS FOUNDATION TRUST GREAT WESTERN HOSPITALS NHS FOUNDATION TRUST	-	<6	-	- <6	-	<6 <6
RNQ	KETTERING GENERAL HOSPITAL NHS FOUNDATION TRUST	-	<6	-	-	-	<6
RNS	NORTHAMPTON GENERAL HOSPITAL NHS TRUST				<6	-	<6
RPA	MEDWAY NHS FOUNDATION TRUST	<6	-	-	-	-	<6
R8	LEEDS TEACHING HOSPITALS NHS TRUST	-	-	<6	-	-	<6
RTF RW6	NORTHUMBRIA HEALTHCARE NHS FOUNDATION TRUST PENNINE ACUTE HOSPITALS NHS TRUST	-	-	<6	- <6	-	<6 <6
RWG	WEST HERTFORDSHIRE HOSPITALS NHS TRUST				<6	-	<6
RWY	CALDERDALE AND HUDDERSFIELD NHS FOUNDATION TRUST				<6	-	<6
	NOTTINGHAM UNIVERSITY HOSPITALS NHS TRUST	<6	-	-	-	-	<6
RX1 RXC	EAST SUSSEX HEALTHCARE NHS TRUST				<6		<6

14. Back & Radicular Pain Admissions Breakdown for the Wessex Region Highlighted Provider Data is included in this report

(Blue=NHS Trust & Green=Independent Sector Provider)

		Ele	ctive Admissi	ons	Emergency	Other Admission	
Code	Provider Name	Surgery	Injections	Other	Admissions	Types	Total
RXL	BLACKPOOL TEACHING HOSPITALS NHS FOUNDATION TRUST				<6	-	<6
RXR	EAST LANCASHIRE HOSPITALS NHS TRUST				<6	-	<6
NDA01	VIRGIN CARE SERVICES LTD (BROOK GREEN)	-	-	<6	-	-	<6
NT233	NUFFIELD HEALTH, PLYMOUTH HOSPITAL	<6	-	-	-	-	<6
NT239	NUFFIELD HEALTH, TUNBRIDGE WELLS HOSPITAL	-	-	<6	-	-	<6
NT350	SPIRE METHLEY PARK HOSPITAL	-	<6	-	-	-	<6
NT449	BMI THE LANCASTER HOSPITAL	-	<6	-	-	-	<6
NT455	BMI MOUNT ALVERNIA HOSPITAL	-	<6	-	-	-	<6
NT497	BMI GISBURNE PARK HOSPITAL	-	-	<6	-	-	<6
NVC15	PINEHILL HOSPITAL	-	<6	-	-	-	<6
Total		1,401	9,576	1,571	2,664	99	15,311

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