HES 2010-11 Month 3¹ A&E Data Quality Note

The data quality note will be updated in the event of issues arising post-publication. A summary of changes made will appear in the table below.

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<td>09/09/2010</td>
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Please note this data is provisional and subject to changes and revisions each month. It should be treated as an estimate until the final National Statistics annual publications.

The following issues have been identified in the Month 3 (M3) data:

**Experimental dataset**

The A&E dataset is an experimental dataset which has a number of continuing issues regarding quality and coverage of certain key fields. The latest information on these issues can be found on [HESonline](http://www.hesonline.nhs.uk/Ease/servlet/ContentServer?siteID=1937&categoryID=1275).

**Age at CDS Activity**

There are unusually high counts in both fields for the values ‘8’ and ‘9’ which do not correspond with HES-derived age fields such as ‘Age on Arrival’. This is currently being investigated and the data quality note will be updated in due course.

Impact: These fields have been removed until the issue has been fully investigated.

**PCT of Treatment / PCT of Main Provider**

Please note that the field ‘PCT of Treatment’ (PCTTREAT) has been renamed to ‘PCT of Main Provider’.

Impact: Any existing reports in the HES Interrogation System (Business Objects) using this field will still run but will still show the old name. The name will not change unless users access the edit query function. For any new reports created users will see ‘PCT of Main Provider’.

**Ethnic Category**

Due to technical issues with the HES extract from SUS, the field ‘Ethnic Category’ is currently not populated in the A&E dataset.

Impact: No ethnic category data can be analysed currently in this dataset. It is anticipated this will available for 2010-11 data.

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¹ Data submitted to SUS by 23 July 2010
Known provider issues: coverage issues

The following organisations have shortfalls; their data should be interpreted with caution.

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<td>Bradford Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust</td>
<td>RAE</td>
<td>May</td>
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