

# UK Hospital Medical Staff by Specialty

## England/Scotland/Wales hospital specialists - all grades

	Total	England	Scotland	Wales		Total	England	Scotland	Wales
Acute Internal	2,330	2,106	203	21	<b>Pathology group/ Clinical lab specialists</b>	5,099	4,367	514	218
Anaesthetics	14,813	12,689	1,294	830	Chemical pathology	236	169	52	15
Allergy	N/A	39	0	N/A	Diagnostic neuropathology	N/A	10	3	N/A
Audiological medicine	62	59	1	2	General pathology	N/A	28	N/A	N/A
Cardiology	3,625	3,249	227	149	Haematology	1,964	1,698	181	85
Clinical genetics	235	202	22	11	Histopathology/ forensic pathology	1,931	1,682	180	69
Clinical neurophysiology	149	130	11	8	Immunology	131	122	4	5
Clinical pharmacology and therapeutics	74	60	13	1	Medical microbiology & virology	791	655	92	44
Dermatology	1,301	1,086	143	72	Paediatric/ perinatal pathology	N/A	3	2	N/A
Emergency medicine	8,819	7,725	729	365	<b>Psychiatry group</b>	10,801	9,230	1,132	439
Endocrinology and Diabetes Mellitus	1,894	1,667	151	76	Child and adolescent psychiatry	1,171	1,008	112	51
Gastroenterology	2,986	2,699	190	97	Forensic psychiatry	663	573	73	17
General (Internal) Medicine	6,160	4,734	883	543	General psychiatry	7,099	6,083	738	278
Genito-urinary medicine	633	572	36	25	Learning disabilities	520	431	60	29
Geriatric medicine	5,342	4,538	573	231	Old age psychiatry	1,233	1,048	121	64
Infectious diseases	486	399	85	2	Psychotherapy	115	87	28	0
Intensive care medicine	2,100	1,950	89	61	<b>Radiology group</b>	5,403	4,688	497	218
Medical ophthalmology	38	36	2	0	Clinical radiology	5,322	4,611	493	218
Neurology	1,622	1,468	107	47	Nuclear medicine	N/A	77	4	N/A
Occupational health/ medicine	111	87	22	2	<b>Surgical group</b>	28,721	24,835	2,547	1,339
Oncology – Clinical	1,597	1,349	161	87	Cardiothoracic surgery	1,086	962	86	38
Oncology – Medical	1,160	1,060	63	37	General surgery	8,772	7,383	940	449
Palliative medicine	818	676	83	59	Neurosurgery	1,041	922	89	30
Rehabilitation medicine	437	370	43	24	Ophthalmology	3,207	2,829	240	138
Renal medicine	1,580	1,368	136	76	Otolaryngology/ENT	2,189	1,883	183	123
Respiratory medicine	3,128	2,774	242	112	Paediatric surgery	519	427	75	17
Rheumatology	1,197	1,055	97	45	Plastic surgery	1,434	1,273	122	39
Sport and exercise medicine	32	32	0	0	Trauma and orthopaedic surgery	7,525	6,546	604	375
<b>Paediatric group</b>	10,368	8,949	876	543	Urology	2,363	2,108	157	98
Paediatric cardiology	272	252	14	6	Vascular	585	502	51	32
Paediatrics	10,096	8,697	862	537	<b>Obstetrics &amp; gynaecology</b>	7,336	6,306	676	354
					Community sexual & reproductive health	296	254	40	2
					Obstetrics & gynaecology	7,040	6,052	636	352

Full time equivalent data  
England: Jan 2020  
Scotland & Wales: Dec 2019;  
NI: data unavailable

### Data sources

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## UK consultants - General Medical Specialties - NB excludes other grades

Consultant (Physicians)	UK Total	England	Wales	N.I.	Scot.	Male %	Female %	Consultant (Physicians)	UK Total	England	Wales	N.I.	Scot.	Male %	Female %
Acute internal medicine	853	725	42	23	63	64	36	Haematology	1066	894	46	28	98	55	45
Allergy & Immunology	135	122	4	4	5	55	45	Infection & tropical medicine	273	227	5	4	37	64	36
Audiovestibular medicine	51	48	2	0	1	47	53	Medical oncology	568	495	12	17	44	51	49
Cardiology	1708	1461	82	49	116	86	14	Medical ophthalmology	12	10	0	0	2	67	33
Clinical genetics	239	195	12	7	25	31	69	Metabolic medicine	27	22	1	2	2	85	15
Clinical neurophysiology	151	139	3	2	7	73	27	Neurology	958	827	31	21	79	71	29
Clinical oncology	922	760	47	32	83	51	49	Nuclear medicine	86	76	1	3	6	70	30
Clinical pharmacology	99	74	5	1	19	81	19	Paediatric cardiology	129	114	5	4	6	70	30
Dermatology	845	704	38	23	80	40	60	Palliative medicine	663	558	37	21	47	24	76
Endocrinology / diabetes	1089	903	51	24	111	65	35	Psychiatrists	3475	3148	48	60	219	63	37
Gastroenterology & Hepatology	1570	1355	65	44	106	79	21	Rehab medicine (incl. spinal paralysis)	197	162	7	6	22	66	34
General internal medicine	151	118	8	5	20	70	30	Renal medicine	754	619	35	24	76	69	31
Genito-urinary (&HIV)	459	412	16	8	23	39	61	Respiratory medicine	1456	1225	70	44	117	69	31
Geriatric medicine	1626	1306	100	53	167	57	43	Rheumatology	902	776	39	23	64	53	47
								Sports and exercise medicine	26	22	2	1	1	81	19
								Stroke medicine	313	278	10	5	20	75	25
								<b>Overall total</b>	<b>20,803</b>	<b>17,775</b>	<b>824</b>	<b>538</b>	<b>1,666</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>38</b>

Headcount data; Psychiatrists - Substantive whole time posts

### Sources:

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## England surgical consultants / other grades

Specialty (Surgeons)	England Total	England Consultants
Cardiothoracic	962	406
General surgery	7,383	2,499
Neurosurgery	922	349
Ophthalmology	2,829	1,347
Otolaryngology	1,883	736
Paediatric surgery	427	186
Plastic surgery	1,273	508
Trauma and orthopaedic	6,546	2,561
Urology	2,108	953
Vascular	502	241
<b>Total</b>	<b>24,835</b>	<b>9,786</b>

Full time equivalent data

England: Jan 2020

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# UK General Practitioners

## UK General Practitioners – 2020

	GPs	% Female	Average no. of patients per GP	Average practice size
<b>UK TOTAL</b>	<b>41,911</b>	<b>56.5%</b>	<b>1,391</b>	<b>7,142</b>
England	34,240	56%	1,312	8,922
Scotland	4,379	59%	1,142	6,171
Wales	1,964	56%	1,627	7,610
N. Ireland	1,328	55%	1,484	5,864

Headcount; Excluding GP retainers, GP registrars and locums

## UK GP practice size – 2020

No of practices	Number of GPs per practice/ % of practices (not % of GPs)					
	1	2	3	4	5-9	10+
<b>UK (8,527)</b>	-	-	-	-	-	-
England (6,836)	10%	14%	13%	12%	40%	11%
Scotland (935)	-	-	-	-	-	-
Wales (420)	-	-	-	-	-	-
N. Ireland (336)	-	-	-	-	-	-

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## UK GP age – 2020

GP age	<30	30-39	40-49	50-59	60+
England	1%	29%	33%	28%	9%
Scotland	5%	33%	30%	27%	5%

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GP age	<30	30-44	45-54	55-64	65+
Wales	1%	45%	32%	19%	3%

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## UK Dispensing Doctors

	Dispensing Doctors	Dispensing practices
England (2019)	6,599	1,080
Scotland (2020)	315	92
Wales (2017)	356	83

Source: Dispensing doctor's association  
 England: No. dispensing doctors 2017; no. dispensing practices 2019  
 Scotland: No. dispensing doctors 2017; no. dispensing practices 2020

## GP country of primary medical qualification – 2020

UK 80.1%; EEA 4.1%; Other 15.8% (excludes Registrars and Locums)

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## Other NHS staff

	England	Scotland	Wales	NI
Practice Nurses (FTE)	16,276	1,541	-	-
Practice Nurses (Headcount)	23,406	2,297	-	-
District Nurses (FTE)	4,325	3,583	-	-
Health Visitors (FTE)	7,852	2,230	-	-
Ambulance staff	16,765	-	2,440	1,214
Community/retail pharmacists (FTE)	17,691	1,429	-	900
Dentists	24,545	3,700	1,506	1,392

Source: National NHS Pharmacy Staffing Establishment and Vacancy Survey 2017  
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