

Institutional review board statement: This study is exempt UK National Research Ethics Service approval as it involved analysis of existing databases of anonymised data for service evaluation. Approval for the use of Hospital Episode Statistics data was obtained as the standard Hospital Episodes Statistics approval process.

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