SUS+ Readmissions

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Processing Overview

Each month the SUS+ team will execute a job that will populate that month’s readmissions view. The job will look initially at all the activity received to date going back two previous months. If the job is run on 20 December then the starting set of data will be all spells discharged in:

- December
- November
- October

For each qualifying spell in this initial set the routine will look back 30 days from discharge date to see if there is another qualifying admission for this patient. If there is it will write a record to the readmissions view and look another 30 days back from the new discharge date to see if there is another qualifying spell for the patient. (see appendix A for an overview of the qualifying criteria)

The routine will keep looking back like this until:

- no qualifying spells for the patient are discharged in a 30-day window
- it reaches the beginning of the SUS+ data (1 April 2015)

Each month’s view will be constructed and stored separately, the views are not updated. When you request an extract for a month you will get the view of data created at that time.

All organisations (providers and commissioners) can see all records in every readmissions chain that they are a part of.
Requesting an Extract

The Readmissions extract is available for all PBR users.

Select Readmissions view and then choose the creation month you require (all other custom features available).

Month selection represents the month in which the snapshot view of the readmissions data was taken.

Please be aware that a separate job will be run to generate the re-admissions view each month. If an extract is requested for a month that has not been generated an error will be returned.
Run extract as normal

Extract available for download as normal once complete
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Appendix A – Qualifying Criteria

• All spells must be for the same patient (NHS Number)
• The first spell in a chain (re-admission spell) is an emergency admission as defined in current SUS+ processing
• The readmission spell and previous spell have a national price - even if it is zero.
• The admission date of the readmission spell occurs within 30 days of the prior discharge.
• The readmission spell is not:
  • Maternity or childbirth.
  • Cancer, chemotherapy and radiotherapy.
  • Renal dialysis.
  • Age under 4.
  • Cross border involving (UK home countries).
• The previous spell is not:
  • Maternity and childbirth.
  • Cancer, chemotherapy and radiotherapy.
  • Renal dialysis.
  • Age under 4.
  • Organ transplant.
  • Self-discharge against clinical advice.
  • Cross border involving (UK home countries).
• Finally, hospital transfers are excluded