

# Secondary Uses Service

The Secondary Uses Service (SUS) is the single, comprehensive repository of healthcare data for hospital services in England. It enables healthcare activity to be analysed and reported on, locally and nationally.

In February 2015, SUS was successfully transitioned from an external provider to an in-house HSCIC managed service. The transition is part of a strategy to deliver a more responsive service that fits the long term needs of the NHS.

SUS enables the payment of  
**£30 billion**

worth of NHS services each year,  
with £197.4 billion processed to date.


**80**

terabytes of data stored  
(recently compressed to 49).  
In comparison, the Hubble  
telescope collected 45 terabytes  
of data in its first 20 years.

**6 billion**

NHS activity records  
submitted to date



**3.6**   
**million**

records processed per day,  
on average

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“We produce a significant number of reports and extracts for our commissioners. We need to provide these quickly, under tight deadlines. I have been impressed with the improvement since HSCIC transitioned the service [in-house]. Data extracts run in about half the time it used to take, and the downloads are taking about a quarter of the time. We are able to provide a better level of service to our customers.”

Mark Bridges, Data Manager,  
Midlands and Lancashire Commissioning Support Unit

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