What do Scottish acute hospitals look like?

Characteristics of NHS acute adult and paediatric hospitals

- **Male to female ratio**: 1:1.2
- **Average length of stay in the survey hospitals in 2016**: 3.8 days
- **Occupancy of hospital beds in surveyed wards**: 86.5%
- **Median age of patients**: 71 years
- **Alcohol-based hand rub (ABHR) consumption in hospitals**: 38.6 litres per 1000 patient days
- **Data from 11585 eligible patients in 702 wards in 40 hospitals**

- **Age distribution**:
  - > 65 years (60.7%)
  - 18-64 years (32.5%)
  - ≤ 17 years (6.8%)

Hospitals had

- **1.4 WTE** infection prevention and control nurses per 250 beds, and
- **0.3 WTE** staff with responsibility for antimicrobial stewardship per 250 beds