

Lay Summary

**Long-Term Care Provision, Hospital Bed Blocking, and Discharge Destination  
for Hip Fracture and Stroke Patients**

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We examine whether local long term care supply affects the length of time hip fracture or stroke hospital patients spend in hospital or whether the patients are discharged to their own home or a care home.

We find no association between discharge destination and local long-term care beds supply or care home prices. We do, however, find evidence of bed blocking: hospital length of stay for hip fracture patients discharged to a care home is shorter in areas with more long-term care beds and lower prices. Length of stay is over 30% shorter in areas in the highest one fifth of care home beds supply compared to those in the lowest fifth.

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