

Emergency department activity		Oct-Dec 2017	Oct-Dec 2016	Difference	% change
All arrivals at ED by ambulance		7,449	7,591	-142	-1.9%
All ED presentations		52,004	49,611	2,393	4.8%
Emergency presentations		49,445	47,121	2,324	4.9%
Triage category	T1: Resuscitation	175	184	-9	-4.9%
	T2: Emergency	5,095	4,714	381	8.1%
	T3: Urgent	16,878	16,975	-97	-0.6%
	T4: Semi-urgent	21,507	20,103	1,404	7.0%
	T5: Non-urgent	5,790	5,145	645	12.5%
Admissions to hospital from EDs ¹		11,409	12,105	-696	-5.7%
Admitted patient activity		Oct-Dec 2017	Oct-Dec 2016	Difference	% change
All admitted patient episodes		26,381	26,782	-401	-1.5%
All acute episodes		**	**		
Overnight		**	**		
Same-day		**	**		
Non-acute		**	**		
Acute		**	**		
Average length of stay (days)	Acute overnight episodes	**	**		
	Non-acute	**	**		
All bed days		74,085	73,685	400	0.5%
Hospital bed days	Acute	**	**		
	Non-acute	**	**		
Babies born in Northern NSW public hospitals		684	666	18	2.7%
Elective surgery activity		Oct-Dec 2017	Oct-Dec 2016	Difference	% change
Elective surgery procedures performed		3,725	3,498	227	6.5%
Urgency category	Urgent	856	864	-8	-0.9%
	Semi-urgent	1,191	1,099	92	8.4%
	Non-urgent	1,426	1,286	140	10.9%
Patients on waiting list ready for elective surgery at the end of quarter		4,914	4,635	279	6.0%
Urgency category	Urgent	43	30	13	43.3%
	Semi-urgent	772	620	152	24.5%
	Non-urgent	4,099	3,985	114	2.9%

** These data are not reported due to a policy change in the definition of patient stay types. A new mental health care stay type has been introduced that comprises patients who were previously included in the acute and non-acute stay types that are routinely reported by BHI. Acute, non-acute and mental health stay types will be reported separately in the next edition of Healthcare Quarterly, which covers January to March 2018.

¹ The decrease in the percentage of patients treated and admitted to hospital from the ED may reflect changes in data coding practices. Changes will be reflected in the January to March 2018 edition of *Healthcare Quarterly*

Emergency department performance			Oct-Dec 2017	Oct-Dec 2016	Difference
Time to treatment by triage category	T2: Emergency	Median time to treatment	7m	7m	0m
		90th percentile time to treatment	18m	19m	-1m
		% started treatment on time	76.3%	74.4%	1.9 percentage points
	T3: Urgent	Median time to treatment	16m	17m	-1m
		90th percentile time to treatment	49m	51m	-2m
		% started treatment on time	77%	75.3%	1.7 percentage points
	T4: Semi-urgent	Median time to treatment	22m	23m	-1m
		90th percentile time to treatment	1h 31m	1h 30m	1m
		% started treatment on time	80.1%	80.5%	-0.4 percentage points
	T5: Non-urgent	Median time to treatment	21m	22m	-1m
		90th percentile time to treatment	1h 40m	1h 39m	1m
		% started treatment on time	93.4%	94%	-0.6 percentage points
Patients starting treatment on time %			80.1%	79.3%	0.8 percentage points
Median time to leave the ED			2h 01m	1h 58m	3m
90th percentile time to leave the ED			5h 44m	5h 38m	6m
Patients leaving the ED within four hours of presentation			80.3%	80.9%	-0.6 percentage points
Transfer of care	Median transfer of care time (minutes)		10m	11m	-1m
	90th percentile transfer of care time (minutes)		27m	29m	-2m
	Percent on target		90.9%	89.5%	1.4 percentage points
Elective surgery performance			Oct-Dec 2017	Oct-Dec 2016	Difference
Waiting time (days)	Urgent	Median	10 days	11 days	-1 days
		90th percentile	26 days	26 days	0 days
	Semi-urgent	Median	44 days	48 days	-4 days
		90th percentile	82 days	83 days	-1 days
	Non-urgent	Median	302 days	270 days	32 days
		90th percentile	358 days	358 days	0 days
Elective surgery procedures performed on time	All procedures		98%	98.2%	-0.2 percentage points
	Urgent		100%	100%	0.0 percentage points
	Semi-urgent		98.7%	99.2%	-0.5 percentage points
	Non-urgent		96.4%	96.3%	0.1 percentage points

(*) Suppressed due to small numbers and to protect patient privacy

(n/a) No elective surgeries performed