

Emergency department activity

	Apr-Jun 2020	Apr-Jun 2019	Difference	% change	
All arrivals at ED by ambulance	11,385	13,807	-2,422	-17.5%	
ED Attendances	56,107	56,216	-109	-0.2%	
Emergency presentations	55,994	56,071	-77	-0.1%	
Emergency presentation by triage category	T1: Resuscitation	488	506	-18	-3.6%
	T2: Emergency	8,717	10,448	-1,731	-16.6%
	T3: Urgent	14,531	18,608	-4,077	-21.9%
	T4: Semi-urgent	14,633	21,005	-6,372	-30.3%
	T5: Non-urgent	17,625	5,504	12,121	220.2%
Admissions to hospital from EDs	16,036	20,161	-4,125	-20.5%	

Emergency department performance

	Apr-Jun 2020	Apr-Jun 2019	Difference	NSW results	
Time to treatment by triage category	Median time to treatment	6m	7m	-1m	8m
	T2: Emergency 90th percentile time to treatment	14m	18m	-4m	21m
	% started treatment on time	81.5%	76.4%	5.1 percentage points	68.5%
	Median time to treatment	12m	18m	-6m	15m
	T3: Urgent 90th percentile time to treatment	37m	59m	-22m	45m
	% started treatment on time	85.7%	72.2%	13.5 percentage points	80.7%
	Median time to treatment	14m	23m	-9m	18m
	T4: Semi-urgent 90th percentile time to treatment	53m	1h 21m	-28m	1h 06m
	% started treatment on time	92.9%	81.5%	11.4 percentage points	88.3%
	Median time to treatment	3m	24m	-21m	11m
	T5: Non-urgent 90th percentile time to treatment	23m	1h 39m	-76m	52m
	% started treatment on time	99.8%	94.4%	5.4 percentage points	98.5%
Patients starting treatment on time %	91.3%	78.5%	12.8 percentage points	84.2%	
Median time to leave the ED	2h 11m	3h 07m	-56m	2h 27m	
90th percentile time to leave the ED	5h 37m	6h 45m	-68m	6h 42m	
Patients leaving the ED within four hours of presentation	80.6%	70.9%	9.7 percentage points	75.3%	
Transfer of care	Median transfer of care time (minutes)	10m	11m	-1m	11m
	90th percentile transfer of care time (minutes)	20m	22m	-2m	24m
	Percent on target	96.6%	94.8%	1.8 percentage points	93.2%

Notes: For North Sydney LHD, 76.8% of triage 5 presentations in hospital peer groups A, A1, A2, B, C1 and C2, were due to COVID-19 testing that occurred within the ED or a co-located testing clinic. This may have contributed to changes in ED performance. Comparisons of emergency department (ED) performance results for Northern Sydney LHD with the same quarter the previous year should be interpreted with caution because of challenges experienced in the implementation of a new information system in Northern Beaches ED following its opening on 30 October 2018. Healthcare Quarterly only includes data relating to publicly contracted services at Northern Beaches Hospital.

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Elective surgery activity

	Apr-Jun 2020	Apr-Jun 2019	Difference	% change
Elective surgery procedures performed	2,336	3,439	-1,103	-32.1%
Urgency category				
Urgent	798	780	18	2.3%
Semi-urgent	884	1,249	-365	-29.2%
Non-urgent	614	1,356	-742	-54.7%
Patients on waiting list ready for elective surgery at the end of quarter	4,944	4,245	699	16.5%
Urgency category				
Urgent	123	106	17	16.0%
Semi-urgent	681	812	-131	-16.1%
Non-urgent	4,140	3,327	813	24.4%

Elective surgery performance

		Apr-Jun 2020	Apr-Jun 2019	Difference	NSW results	
Waiting time (days)	Urgent	Median	8 days	9 days	-1 days	10 days
		90th percentile	21 days	23 days	-2 days	24 days
	Semi-urgent	Median	35 days	42 days	-7 days	50 days
		90th percentile	90 days	81 days	9 days	111 days
	Non-urgent	Median	289 days	205 days	84 days	301 days
		90th percentile	400 days	359 days	41 days	420 days
Elective surgery procedures performed on time	All procedures	89.8%	96.1%	-6.3 percentage points	84.7%	
	Urgent	99.9%	100%	-0.1 percentage points	99.6%	
	Semi-urgent	91%	95.4%	-4.4 percentage points	81.2%	
	Non-urgent	75.1%	94.5%	-19.4 percentage points	68.2%	

Admitted patient activity

	Apr-Jun 2020	Apr-Jun 2019	Difference	% change	
Episodes	All episodes	30,167	38,427	-8,260	-21.5%
	Acute	28,057	35,382	-7,325	-20.7%
	Acute Overnight	15,750	20,096	-4,346	-21.6%
	Acute Same Day	12,307	15,286	-2,979	-19.5%
	Non-acute	1,142	1,881	-739	-39.3%
	Mental health	968	1,164	-196	-16.8%
Average length of stay (days)	Acute	3.0	3.0		
	Acute Overnight	4.5	4.5		
	Non-acute	16.1	12.4		
	Mental health	25.9	20.4		
Hospital bed days	All bed days	126,508	151,905	-25,397	-16.7%
	Acute	83,087	104,798	-21,711	-20.7%
	Non-acute	18,374	23,367	-4,993	-21.4%
	Mental health	25,047	23,740	1,307	5.5%
Babies born in Northern Sydney public hospitals	1,334	1,392	-58	-4.2%	

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