

Emergency department activity

	Oct-Dec 2020	Oct-Dec 2019	Difference	% change	
All arrivals at ED by ambulance	4,201	4,361	-160	-3.7%	
ED Attendances	34,377	16,930	17,447	103.1%	
Emergency presentations	34,377	16,922	17,455	103.1%	
Emergency presentation by triage category	T1: Resuscitation	134	96	38	39.6%
	T2: Emergency	3,555	3,308	247	7.5%
	T3: Urgent	7,574	7,695	-121	-1.6%
	T4: Semi-urgent	5,420	4,940	480	9.7%
	T5: Non-urgent	17,694	883	16,811	1903.9%
Admissions to hospital from EDs	6,238	6,132	106	1.7%	

Emergency department performance

	Oct-Dec 2020	Oct-Dec 2019	Difference	Peer group results	
Time to treatment by triage category	Median time to treatment	6m	6m	0m	8m
	T2: Emergency 90th percentile time to treatment	20m	17m	3m	24m
	% started treatment on time	76.4%	79.4%	-3.0 percentage points	67.3%
	Median time to treatment	19m	16m	3m	21m
	T3: Urgent 90th percentile time to treatment	1h 22m	1h 05m	17m	1h 11m
	% started treatment on time	67.0%	73.8%	-6.8 percentage points	69.1%
	Median time to treatment	24m	17m	7m	28m
	T4: Semi-urgent 90th percentile time to treatment	1h 39m	1h 14m	25m	1h 48m
	% started treatment on time	77.9%	86.0%	-8.1 percentage points	75.9%
	Median time to treatment	1m	18m	-17m	7m
	T5: Non-urgent 90th percentile time to treatment	6m	1h 25m	-79m	1h 17m
	% started treatment on time	99.6%	97.1%	2.5 percentage points	95.5%
Patients starting treatment on time %	86.7%	79.5%	7.2 percentage points	75.6%	
Median time to leave the ED	0h 55m	3h 08m	-133m	2h 55m	
90th percentile time to leave the ED	5h 22m	5h 47m	-25m	7h 56m	
Patients leaving the ED within four hours of presentation	84.5%	79.2%	5.3 percentage points	69.3%	
Transfer of care	Median transfer of care time (minutes)	9m	9m	0m	12m
	90th percentile transfer of care time (minutes)	17m	16m	1m	33m
	Percent on target	99.0%	99.4%	-0.4 percentage points	87.9%

Notes: For Northern Beaches Hospital, 92.4% of triage 5 attendances were due to COVID-19 testing provided by the ED. This may have contributed to changes in ED performance. Healthcare Quarterly only includes data relating to publicly contracted services at Northern Beaches Hospital. ED attendances includes every patient visit to the ED during the defined period. The vast majority of ED attendances are classified as 'emergency presentations'. The remaining ED attendances include non-emergency visits such as planned returns, pre-arranged admissions, some outpatient visits and private referrals.

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Elective surgery activity

		Oct-Dec 2020	Oct-Dec 2019	Difference	% change
Elective surgery procedures performed		902	708	194	27.4%
Urgency category	Urgent	279	220	59	26.8%
	Semi-urgent	391	310	81	26.1%
	Non-urgent	220	171	49	28.7%
Patients on waiting list ready for elective surgery at the end of quarter		1,037	966	71	7.3%
Urgency category	Urgent	14	6	8	133.3%
	Semi-urgent	248	197	51	25.9%
	Non-urgent	775	763	12	1.6%

Elective surgery performance


			Oct-Dec 2020	Oct-Dec 2019	Difference	Peer group results
Waiting time (days)	Urgent	Median	10 days	12 days	-2 days	15 days
		90th percentile	26 days	26 days	0 days	28 days
	Semi-urgent	Median	49 days	60 days	-11 days	57 days
		90th percentile	78 days	78 days	0 days	103 days
	Non-urgent	Median	259 days	222 days	37 days	340 days
		90th percentile	348 days	306 days	42 days	450 days
Elective surgery procedures performed on time	All procedures		100%	99.9%	0.1 percentage points	78.1%
	Urgent		100.0%	100.0%	0.0 percentage points	99.6%
	Semi-urgent		100.0%	99.7%	0.3 percentage points	86.2%
	Non-urgent		100.0%	100.0%	0.0 percentage points	62.6%

Admitted patient activity

		Oct-Dec 2020	Oct-Dec 2019	Difference	% change
Episodes	All episodes	7,894	7,455	439	5.9%
	Acute	7,574	7,118	456	6.4%
	Acute Overnight	3,595	3,374	221	6.6%
	Acute Same Day	3,979	3,744	235	6.3%
	Non-acute	0	0	0	
	Mental health	320	337	-17	-5.0%
Average length of stay (days)	Acute	2.3	2.3	0.0	
	Acute Overnight	3.8	3.7	0.1	
	Non-acute	n/a	n/a		
	Mental health	7.6	7.9	-0.3	
Hospital bed days	All bed days	20,135	18,726	1,409	7.5%
	Acute	17,698	16,072	1,626	10.1%
	Non-acute	0	0	0	
	Mental health	2,437	2,654	-217	-8.2%
Babies born in Northern Beaches Hospital		375	393	-18	-4.6%

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