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Emergency department activity		Oct-Dec 2017	Oct-Dec 2016	Difference	% change
All arrivals at ED by ambulance		65,141	63,603	1,538	2.4%
All ED presentations		227,394	220,041	7,353	3.3%
Emergency presentations		224,394	216,684	7,710	3.6%
Triage category	T1: Resuscitation T2: Emergency 7 T3: Urgent T4: Semi-urgent T5: Non-urgent	2,605 35,322 90,071 80,767 15,629	2,632 33,380 87,577 78,394 14,701	-27 1,942 2,494 2,373 928	-1.0% 5.8% 2.8% 3.0% 6.3%
Admissions to hospital from EDs ¹		84,367	87,115	-2,748	-3.2%
Admitted patient activity		Oct-Dec 2017	Oct-Dec 2016	Difference	% change
All admitted patient episodes		219,276	220,047	-771	-0.4%
All acute episodes		**	**		
	Overnight	**	**		
	Same-day	**	**		
Non-acute		**	**		
Average length of stay (days)	Acute	**	**		
	Acute overnight episodes	**	**		
	Non-acute	**	**		
	All bed days	757,174	744,194	12,980	1.7%
Hospital bed days	Acute	**	**		
	Non-acute	**	**		
Babies born in Principal referral public hospitals		8,502	8,457	45	0.5%
Elective surgery activity		Oct-Dec 2017	Oct-Dec 2016	Difference	% change
Elective surgery procedures performed		23,050	22,410	640	2.9%
	Urgent	6,465	6,543	-78	-1.2%
Urgency category	Semi-urgent Semi-urgent	7,821	7,442	379	5.1%
	Non-urgent	7,517	7,301	216	3.0%
Patients on waiting list ready for elective surgery at the end of quarter		27,394	25,870	1,524	5.9%
	Urgent	524	471	53	11.3%
Urgency category	Semi-urgent Semi-urgent	5,157	4,741	416	8.8%
	Non-urgent	21,713	20,658	1,055	5.1%

^{**} 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*

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Emergency department performance			Oct-Dec 2017	Oct-Dec 2016	Difference	
		Median time to treatment	9m	9m	0m	
	T2: Emergency	90th percentile time to treatment	26m	32m	-6m	
		% started treatment on time	63.4%	59.9%	3.5 percentage points	
		Median time to treatment	22m	22m	0m	
	T3: Urgent	90th percentile time to treatment	1h 15m	1h 17m	-2m	
Time to treatment by triage category		% started treatment on time	67%	66.1%	0.9 percentage points	
		Median time to treatment	28m	27m	1m	
	T4: Semi-urgent	90th percentile time to treatment	1h 40m	1h 37m	3m	
		% started treatment on time	77.4%	78.5%	-1.1 percentage points	
		Median time to treatment	30m	29m	1m	
	T5: Non-urgent	90th percentile time to treatment	1h 55m	1h 53m	2m	
		% started treatment on time	91.4%	91.6%	-0.2 percentage points	
Patients starting treatment on time %			71.6%	71.1%	0.5 percentage points	
Median time to leave the ED			3h 24m	3h 25m	-1m	
90th percentile time to	leave the ED		8h 18m	8h 27m	-9m	
Patients leaving the E	D within four hours	of presentation	64.5%	64.1%	0.4 percentage points	
Transfer of care	Median transfer of care time (minutes)		12m	12m	0m	
	90th percentile transfer of care time (minutes)		28m	27m	1m	
	Percent on target		90.8%	91.7%	-0.9 percentage points	
Elective surgery perfomance			Oct-Dec 2017	Oct-Dec 2016	Difference	
Waiting time (days)		Median	9 days	9 days	0 days	
	Urgent	90th percentile	25 days	25 days	0 days	
	Semi-urgent	Median	43 days	41 days	2 days	
		90th percentile	85 days	83 days	2 days	
		Median	164 days	161 days	3 days	
	Non-urgent	90th percentile	360 days	356 days	4 days	
Elective surgery procedures performed on time	All procedures		95.8%	97%	-1.2 percentage points	
	Urgent		99.8%	99.7%	0.1 percentage points	
	Semi-urgent		95%	96%	-1.0 percentage points	
	Non-urgent		93.2%	95.6%	-2.4 percentage points	

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