

Emergency department activity

		Jan-Mar 2019	Jan-Mar 2018	Difference	% change
All arrivals at ED by ambulance		13,567	12,135	1,432	11.8%
All ED presentations		55,419	54,168	1,251	2.3%
All emergency presentations		55,261	53,910	1,351	2.5%
Emergency presentation by triage category	T1: Resuscitation	473	442	31	7.0%
	T2: Emergency	10,030	8,856	1,174	13.3%
	T3: Urgent	17,849	16,382	1,467	9.0%
	T4: Semi-urgent	20,981	21,776	-795	-3.7%
	T5: Non-urgent	5,928	6,454	-526	-8.1%
Admissions to hospital from EDs		19,909	18,062	1,847	10.2%

Emergency department performance

		Jan-Mar 2019	Jan-Mar 2018	Difference	NSW results
Time to treatment by triage category	Median time to treatment	7m	7m	0m	9m
	T2: Emergency 90th percentile time to treatment	21m	13m	8m	28m
	% started treatment on time	73.1%	84.4%	-11.3 percentage points	63.1%
	Median time to treatment	20m	15m	5m	21m
	T3: Urgent 90th percentile time to treatment	1h 11m	40m	31m	1h 18m
	% started treatment on time	67.6%	83.4%	-15.8 percentage points	66.6%
	Median time to treatment	28m	18m	10m	28m
	T4: Semi-urgent 90th percentile time to treatment	1h 35m	1h 10m	25m	1h 52m
	% started treatment on time	76.8%	86.6%	-9.8 percentage points	75.0%
	Median time to treatment	26m	20m	6m	24m
	T5: Non-urgent 90th percentile time to treatment	1h 49m	1h 31m	18m	1h 49m
	% started treatment on time	92.4%	96.1%	-3.7 percentage points	92.0%
Patients starting treatment on time %		74.6%	86.3%	-11.7 percentage points	71.9%
Median time to leave the ED		3h 14m	2h 52m	22m	2h 54m
90th percentile time to leave the ED		7h 03m	6h 13m	50m	7h 34m
Patients leaving the ED within four hours of presentation		69.8%	76.1%	-6.3 percentage points	70.6%
Transfer of care	Median transfer of care time (minutes)	11m	11m	0m	12m
	90th percentile transfer of care time (minutes)	24m	23m	1m	32m
	Percent on target	94.1%	94.3%	-0.2 percentage points	88.8%

Interpret with caution

Emergency department (ED) performance results for Northern Sydney LHD should be interpreted with caution because of challenges experienced in the implementation of a new information system at Northern Beaches ED following its opening on 30 October 2018. Services at Manly and Mona Vale hospitals were transferred to Northern Beaches Hospital 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

		Jan-Mar 2019	Jan-Mar 2018	Difference	% change
Elective surgery procedures performed		3,063	3,039	24	0.8%
Urgency category	Urgent	687	644	43	6.7%
	Semi-urgent	1,138	1,115	23	2.1%
	Non-urgent	1,173	1,235	-62	-5.0%
Patients on waiting list ready for elective surgery at the end of quarter		4,203	4,000	203	5.1%
Urgency category	Urgent	109	88	21	23.9%
	Semi-urgent	744	756	-12	-1.6%
	Non-urgent	3,350	3,156	194	6.1%

Elective surgery performance


			Jan-Mar 2019	Jan-Mar 2018	Difference	NSW results
Waiting time (days)	Urgent	Median	9 days	8 days	1 days	10 days
		90th percentile	26 days	24 days	2 days	26 days
	Semi-urgent	Median	41 days	42 days	-1 days	47 days
		90th percentile	87 days	91 days	-4 days	85 days
	Non-urgent	Median	176 days	175 days	1 days	231 days
		90th percentile	354 days	364 days	-10 days	358 days
Elective surgery procedures performed on time	All procedures		96.3%	92.5%	3.8 percentage points	96.4%
	Urgent		99.9%	100%	-0.1 percentage points	99.9%
	Semi-urgent		92.7%	89.6%	3.1 percentage points	95.8%
	Non-urgent		97.6%	91.2%	6.4 percentage points	95.2%

Admitted patient activity

		Jan-Mar 2019	Jan-Mar 2018	Difference	% change
Episodes	All episodes	38,027	37,722	305	0.8%
	Acute	35,145	35,155	-10	0.0%
	Acute Overnight	20,074	20,626	-552	-2.7%
	Acute Same Day	15,071	14,529	542	3.7%
	Non-acute	1,727	1,483	244	16.5%
	Mental health	1,155	1,084	71	6.5%
Average length of stay (days)	Acute	2.9	3.0	-0.1	
	Acute Overnight	4.4	4.3	0.1	
	Non-acute	14.1	13.6	0.5	
	Mental health	20.4	19.8	0.6	
Hospital bed days	All bed days	150,990	145,633	5,357	3.7%
	Acute	103,057	103,979	-922	-0.9%
	Non-acute	24,424	20,229	4,195	20.7%
	Mental health	23,509	21,425	2,084	9.7%
Babies born in Northern Sydney public hospitals		1,362	1,402	-40	-2.9%

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