Healthcare Quarterly

Northern NSW LHD



Emergency department activity		Jan-Mar 2018	Jan-Mar 2017	Difference	% change
All arrivals at ED by ambulance		7,482	7,434	48	0.6%
All ED presentations	52,548 49,696	50,967	1,581	3.1%	
Emergency presentations					
Triage category	T1: Resuscitation T2: Emergency	173 5,198	177 4,895	-4 303	-2.3% 6.2%
		16,751 21,380 6,194	16,760 20,607 5,719	-9 773 475	-0.1% 3.8% 8.3%
Admissions to hospital from EDs		9,999	10,046	-47	-0.5%
Admitted patient activity		Jan-Mar 2018	Jan-Mar 2017	Difference	% change
All admitted patient episodes		23,393	**		
	All acute episodes	22,149	**		
	Overnight Same-day	11,558 10,591	**		
	Non-acute	826	**		
	Mental health	418	**		
Average length of stay (days)	Acute	2.5	**		
	Acute overnight episodes	4.0	**		
	Non-acute	11.1	**		
	Mental health	17.5	**		
Hospital bed days	All bed days	72,925	**		
	Acute	56,407	**		
	Non-acute	9,194	**		
	Mental health	7,324	**		
Babies born in Northern NSW public hospitals		770	712	58	8.19
Elective surgery activity		Jan-Mar 2018	Jan-Mar 2017	Difference	% chang
Elective surgery procedures performed		3,288	3,182	106	3.39
Urgency category	Urgent	753	724	29	4.0
	Semi-urgent	1,175	1,002	173	17.3
	Non-urgent	1,147	1,194	-47	-3.9
Patients on waiting list ready for elective surgery at the end of quarter		5,072	4,873	199	4.1
Urgency	Urgent	156	119	37	31.1
	Semi-urgent	747	722	25	3.5
	Non-urgent	4,169	4,032	137	3.4

^{**} These data are not reported due to a policy change in the definition of patient stay types that was phased-in between 1 July 2016 and 30 June 2017. Fair comparisons cannot be made with results during this period as a new mental health care stay type was introduced that comprises patients who were previously included in the acute and non-acute stay types.

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Emergency department performance		Jan-Mar 2018	Jan-Mar 2017	Difference		
		Median time to treatment	7m	7m	On	
Time to treatment by triage category	T2: Emergency	90th percentile time to treatment	16m	19m	-3n	
		% started treatment on time	78.1%	73.9%	4.2 percentage points	
		Median time to treatment	16m	17m	-1r	
	T3: Urgent	90th percentile time to treatment	49m	52m	-3r	
		% started treatment on time	77.9%	75.2%	2.7 percentage point	
		Median time to treatment	21m	24m	-3r	
	T4: Semi-urgent	90th percentile time to treatment	1h 25m	1h 30m	-5r	
		% started treatment on time	81.4%	79.6%	1.8 percentage point	
		Median time to treatment	21m	25m	-4n	
	T5: Non-urgent	90th percentile time to treatment	1h 33m	1h 41m	-8n	
		% started treatment on time	94.2%	93.1%	1.1 percentage points	
Patients starting treatment on time %			81.3%	78.9%	2.4 percentage points	
Median time to leave the ED			1h 58m	2h 00m	-2r	
90th percentile time to leave the ED			5h 56m	5h 58m	-2n	
Patients leaving the EI) within four hours	of presentation	79.8%	79.6%	0.2 percentage points	
Transfer of care	Median transfer of care time (minutes)		11m	11m	0n	
	90th percentile transfer of care time (minutes)		30m	29m	1n	
	Percent on target		89.5%	90.5%	-1.0 percentage points	
Elective surgery perfomance			Jan-Mar 2018	Jan-Mar 2017	Difference	
Waiting time (days)	Urgent	Median	9 days	11 days	-2 days	
		90th percentile	26 days	26 days	0 days	
	Semi-urgent	Median	52 days	54 days	-2 days	
		90th percentile	85 days	84 days	1 day	
		Median	294 days	272 days	22 day:	
	Non-urgent	90th percentile	359 days	358 days	1 days	
Elective surgery procedures performed on time	All procedures		97%	98.6%	-1.6 percentage point	
	Urgent		100%	99.9%	0.1 percentage points	
	Semi-urgent		96.5%	98.7%	-2.2 percentage points	
performed on time	Ocimi-argent					

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