

Emergency department activity		Oct-Dec 2017	Oct-Dec 2016	Difference	% change
All arrivals at ED by ambulance		525	400	125	31.3%
All ED presentations		4,430	4,487	-57	-1.3%
Emergency presentations		4,335	4,443	-108	-2.4%
Triage category	T1: Resuscitation	5	<5		
	T2: Emergency	339	265	74	27.9%
	T3: Urgent	1,135	1,166	-31	-2.7%
	T4: Semi-urgent	2,309	2,123	186	8.8%
	T5: Non-urgent	547	889	-342	-38.5%
Admissions to hospital from EDs ¹		423	499	-76	-15.2%
Admitted patient activity		Oct-Dec 2017	Oct-Dec 2016	Difference	% change
All admitted patient episodes		1,014	1,020	-6	-0.6%
All acute episodes		**	**		
Overnight		**	**		
Same-day		**	**		
Non-acute		**	**		
Acute		**	**		
Average length of stay (days)	Acute overnight episodes	**	**		
	Non-acute	**	**		
All bed days		3,372	3,642	-270	-7.4%
Hospital bed days	Acute	**	**		
	Non-acute	**	**		
Babies born in Cessnock District Hospital		<5	<5		
Elective surgery activity		Oct-Dec 2017	Oct-Dec 2016	Difference	% change
Elective surgery procedures performed		253	266	-13	-4.9%
Urgency category	Urgent	24	55	-31	-56.4%
	Semi-urgent	172	139	33	23.7%
	Non-urgent	52	66	-14	-21.2%
Patients on waiting list ready for elective surgery at the end of quarter		147	79	68	86.1%
Urgency category	Urgent	0	0	0	
	Semi-urgent	54	33	21	63.6%
	Non-urgent	93	46	47	102.2%

** 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*

Emergency department performance			Oct-Dec 2017	Oct-Dec 2016	Difference
Time to treatment by triage category	T2: Emergency	Median time to treatment	8m	7m	1m
		90th percentile time to treatment	22m	21m	1m
		% started treatment on time	65.7%	74.4%	-8.7 percentage points
	T3: Urgent	Median time to treatment	23m	20m	3m
		90th percentile time to treatment	1h 04m	48m	16m
		% started treatment on time	64.8%	75.6%	-10.8 percentage points
	T4: Semi-urgent	Median time to treatment	34m	32m	2m
		90th percentile time to treatment	1h 45m	1h 29m	16m
		% started treatment on time	72.5%	77.1%	-4.6 percentage points
	T5: Non-urgent	Median time to treatment	32m	35m	-3m
		90th percentile time to treatment	1h 39m	1h 36m	3m
		% started treatment on time	93.3%	94.1%	-0.8 percentage points
Patients starting treatment on time %			72.3%	79.7%	-7.4 percentage points
Median time to leave the ED			1h 34m	1h 18m	16m
90th percentile time to leave the ED			4h 42m	3h 54m	48m
Patients leaving the ED within four hours of presentation			86.1%	90.8%	-4.7 percentage points
Transfer of care	Median transfer of care time (minutes)		9m	8m	1m
	90th percentile transfer of care time (minutes)		20m	18m	2m
	Percent on target		96.6%	97.3%	-0.7 percentage points
Elective surgery performance			Oct-Dec 2017	Oct-Dec 2016	Difference
Waiting time (days)	Urgent	Median	7 days	7 days	0 days
		90th percentile	(*)	(*)	
	Semi-urgent	Median	28 days	20 days	8 days
		90th percentile	75 days	73 days	2 days
	Non-urgent	Median	77 days	36 days	41 days
		90th percentile	(*)	(*)	
Elective surgery procedures performed on time	All procedures		100%	100%	0.0 percentage points
	Urgent		100%	100%	0.0 percentage points
	Semi-urgent		100%	100%	0.0 percentage points
	Non-urgent		100%	100%	0.0 percentage points

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

(n/a) No elective surgeries performed