Greater Glasgow NHS Board

Board Meeting
Tuesday, 20th May, 2003    Board Paper No. 2003/36

Director of Planning and Community Care

WAITING TIMES

Recommendation:

Members are asked to note progress.

A. BACKGROUND

- At the April 2003 meeting, the Board noted that a unified waiting list, comprising the true and deferred lists, has been in place from April 1, 2003 and that future Board reports will reflect this change.

B. A NEW UNIFIED WAITING LIST

- There is no longer a deferred list. All patients will be on the unified list.
- The unified waiting list is made up of two categories:
  - Patients without Availability Status Codes (ASC’s)
  - Patients with ASCs
- The Availability Status Code removes the concept of guarantees and associated exceptions and replaces them with codes that describe availability for treatment.
  - Each patient whose circumstances prevent them from receiving an offer of admission for the specialty or procedure will have an ASC code applied.
- Previous Board reports showed waiting times for Glasgow residents on the true waiting list with treatment guarantees.
  - Board reports will now report on residents of all Health Boards who are on a Glasgow waiting list and will show the numbers waiting split by those with an ASC and those without an ASC.
C. CURRENT POSITION - APRIL 30, 2003

- The provisional waiting list position at April 30 is presented in table 1 for all waits, regardless of the time waited. Table 2, presents current progress towards a maximum wait of 9 months by December 31, 2003.

**Total Numbers Waiting**

Table 1 - Total inpatient/day case waiting list position at April 30th, 2003

<table>
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<tr>
<th>Category</th>
<th>North Glasgow</th>
<th>South Glasgow</th>
<th>Yorkhill</th>
<th>Total</th>
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<tr>
<td>No ASC’s</td>
<td>13,001</td>
<td>6,529</td>
<td>1,437</td>
<td>20,967</td>
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<tr>
<td>With ASC’s</td>
<td>5,711</td>
<td>2,520</td>
<td>578</td>
<td>8,809</td>
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<td>18,712</td>
<td>9,049</td>
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**9 Month Waiting Time Target**

Table 2 - Over 9 month inpatient/day case waiting list position at April 30th, 2003

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<th>South Glasgow</th>
<th>Yorkhill</th>
<th>Total</th>
<th>December 2003 Target</th>
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<tr>
<td>No ASC’s</td>
<td>373</td>
<td>252</td>
<td>42</td>
<td>667</td>
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<td>With ASC’s</td>
<td>3,970</td>
<td>2,083</td>
<td>290</td>
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<td>4,343</td>
<td>2,335</td>
<td>332</td>
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There are currently 667 patients waiting over 9 months at the end of April with no ASC codes applied, we plan to reduce this to zero by December 31, 2003.

**Planning for 2003/4**

Planning processes are in place to ensure that we continue to move towards:

- Maximum wait for inpatient and day case treatment of 9 months by December 2003
- Maximum wait for inpatient and day case treatment of 6 months by December 2005
- Maximum wait for outpatient appointments of 26 weeks by December 2005

It was intended that a detailed report would be presented to the May Board meeting, which would set out our plans – the plans are currently being finalised and are still work in progress at this stage.