

## Greater Glasgow NHS Board

### Board Meeting

Tuesday, 17<sup>th</sup> June, 2003

Board Paper No. 2003/43

Director of Planning and Community Care

## WAITING TIMES

### Recommendation:

Members are asked to note progress.

#### A. BACKGROUND

- At the May 2003 meeting, the Board noted that we would now report on residents of all Health Boards who are on a Glasgow waiting list and that we would show the numbers waiting split by those with an availability status code (ASC) and those without an ASC. This paper sets out the latest position.

#### B. CURRENT POSITION - 9 MONTH WAITING TIME TARGET

- The provisional waiting list position at May 31 is presented in table 1 for patients waiting without availability status codes (ASCs). Table 2 presents the numbers of patients with ASCs - e.g. where a patient has asked to defer admission for personal reasons.

Table 1 - All NHS Board residents without ASCs

Trust	April	May	December Target
North Glasgow	373	526	0
South Glasgow	252	323	0
Yorkhill	42	24	0
Total	667	873	0

There are currently 873 patients waiting over 9 months at the end of May with no ASC codes applied, we plan to reduce this to zero by December 31, 2003. The bottom line waiting list increase of 206 in the early part of the year, between April and May, is representative of the annual waiting list cycle i.e. when last years waiting list initiatives cease and this years are starting and have yet to make an impact.

Table 2 - All NHS Board residents with ASCs

Trust	April	May
North Glasgow	3,970	4,074
South Glasgow	2,083	2,001
Yorkhill	290	314
Total	6,343	6,389

Proposals to reduce the number of patients waiting over 9 months with ASC codes will be included as part of our medium term plans from 2004/05.

**EMBARGOED UNTIL DATE OF MEETING.**

**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 is intended that a detailed report will be presented to the Board, which will set out our plans – these are still being finalised and are work in progress at this stage.

**Future Reporting**

- It was agreed at the May Board meeting that we would provide additional information to differentiate between ASC codes. This has not been possible for this report but will be included in future Board reports.

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