

## Greater Glasgow NHS Board

### Board Meeting

Tuesday, 20<sup>th</sup> December, 2005

Board Paper No. 2005/80

Chief Executive - South Glasgow University Hospitals Division

Acting Chief Executive - North Glasgow University Hospitals Division

## WAITING TIMES

### Recommendation:

Members are asked to note progress.

#### A. BACKGROUND

At the January 2004 meeting, the Board noted that the national targets that we now need to address are:

- No inpatient/day case waits in excess of 26 weeks to be achieved by December 2005
- No outpatient waits in excess of 26 weeks to be achieved by December 2005
- Also, to continue to deliver and sustain all existing targets and guarantees e.g. cancer and CHD specific

#### B. CURRENT WAITING TIME FOR INPATIENTS AND DAY CASES

- The numbers of patients waiting over 26 weeks at November 30 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.

Table 1 - Current numbers waiting >26 weeks - All NHS Board residents without ASCs

Division	Sep-05	Oct-05	Nov-05	Oct - Nov Variance	% Variance
North	138	145	50	-95	-66%
South	105	112	94	-18	-16%
Yorkhill	28	42	43	+1	+2%
<b>Total</b>	<b>271</b>	<b>299</b>	<b>187</b>	<b>-112</b>	<b>-37%</b>

Over 26 week waits decreased by 112 or 37% between October and November.

Also, please refer to Section D for the latest weekly position at 9 December 2005.

**EMBARGOED UNTIL DATE OF MEETING.**

Table 2 - Current numbers waiting >26 weeks - All NHS Board residents with ASCs

<b>Division</b>	<b>Sep-05</b>	<b>Oct-05</b>	<b>Nov-05</b>	<b>Oct - Nov Variance</b>	<b>% Variance</b>
North	3,703	3,739	3,614	-125	-3%
South	2,679	2,691	2,574	-117	-4%
Yorkhill	562	557	537	-20	-4%
<b>Total</b>	<b>6,944</b>	<b>6,987</b>	<b>6,725</b>	<b>-262</b>	<b>-4%</b>

The number of patients waiting over 26 weeks with ASC codes decreased by 262 or 4% between October and November.

**Additional information to differentiate between ASC codes**

- Schedule 1 to this paper presents a definition of each ASC.
- Schedule 2 presents the waiting list position for patients with ASCs at 30 November , 2005

**C. CURRENT WAITING TIME FOR NEW OUTPATIENTS**

Currently there are 1,370 outpatients waiting longer than the National target of a 26 week maximum wait - this reduced by 2,131 or 61% between October and November. Please refer to Section D.

We reported to the Board in October 2004 that we are working on plans to eliminate all waits over 52 weeks as a first step to achieving our targets. In August 2004, the numbers waiting over 52 weeks was 6,756 - this has now reduced to only 91 at the end of November 2005.

Table 3 - Current numbers waiting >26 weeks - All NHS Board residents - GP/GDP Referrals

<b>Division</b>	<b>Sep-05</b>	<b>Oct-05</b>	<b>Nov-05</b>	<b>Oct - Nov Variance</b>	<b>% Variance</b>
North	2,767	1,721	540	-1,181	-69%
South	1,782	1,600	722	-878	-55%
Yorkhill	241	180	108	-72	-40%
<b>Total</b>	<b>4,790</b>	<b>3,501</b>	<b>1,370</b>	<b>2,131</b>	<b>-61%</b>

Note - The South and Yorkhill Divisions include all referrals sources, which are presented as a proxy for GP/GDP referrals - at present GP/GDP referrals cannot be shown separately.

**D. WEEKLY WAITING TIME MONITORING TO 31 DECEMBER 2005**

The latest position at 9 December 2005 is:

A total 88 inpatients and day cases are waiting over 26 weeks.

A total 746 outpatients are waiting over 26 weeks.

**AVAILABILITY STATUS CODES (ASCs) DEFINITIONS**

2	Where the patient has asked to delay admission for personal reasons or has refused a reasonable offer of admission.	Considered mainly PATIENT driven
3	In individual cases where, after discussion with the patient, the treatment has been judged of low clinical priority.	Considered mainly SERVICE driven
4	With highly specialised treatments identified at the time of placing the patient on the waiting list.	Considered mainly SERVICE driven
8	Where the patient did not attend nor give any prior warning.	Considered mainly PATIENT driven
9	In circumstances of exceptional strain on the NHS such as a major disaster, major epidemic or outbreak of infection, or service disruption caused by industrial action.	Considered mainly SERVICE driven
A	Patients under medical constraints (condition other than that requiring treatment) which affected their ability to accept and admission date, if offered.	Considered mainly PATIENT driven

**PATIENTS WAITING WITH AVAILABILITY STATUS CODES  
ALL DIVISIONS, NORTH, SOUTH AND YORKHILL - NOVEMBER 30, 2005**

(To be read in conjunction with ASC definitions - see Schedule 1)

**Table 1 - All Divisions**

ALL WAITS	ASC Code						Total
	2	3	4	8	9	A	
Patients Waiting	4,517	299	1,039	1,696	0	2,466	10,017
% Distribution by ASC	45%	3%	10%	17%	0%	25%	100%
% Distribution by mainly PATIENT or SERVICE driven	Mainly PATIENT driven ASCs			Mainly SERVICE driven ASCs			
	87%			13%			

**Table 2 - North Glasgow Division (NGD)**

ALL WAITS	ASC Code						Total
	2	3	4	8	9	A	
Patients Waiting	2,457	0	310	924	0	1,640	5,331
% Distribution by ASC	46%	0%	6%	17%	0%	31%	100%
% Distribution by mainly PATIENT or SERVICE driven	Mainly PATIENT driven ASCs			Mainly SERVICE driven ASCs			
	94%			6%			

**Table 3 - South Glasgow Division (SGD)**

ALL WAITS	ASC Code						Total
	2	3	4	8	9	A	
Patients Waiting	1,880	0	574	644	0	738	3,836
% Distribution by ASC	49%	0%	15%	17%	0%	19%	100%
% Distribution by mainly PATIENT or SERVICE driven	Mainly PATIENT driven ASCs			Mainly SERVICE driven ASCs			
	85%			15%			

**Table 4 - Yorkhill**

ALL WAITS	ASC Code						Total
	2	3	4	8	9	A	
Patients Waiting	180	299	155	128	0	88	850
% Distribution by ASC	21%	35%	18%	15%	0%	10%	100%
% Distribution by mainly PATIENT or SERVICE driven	Mainly PATIENT driven ASCs			Mainly SERVICE driven ASCs			
	47%			53%			