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**Purpose:** This statistical release presents information on waiting times for admission for either inpatient or day case treatment in Northern Ireland and reports on the performance of the Health and Social Care (HSC) Trusts against the 2018/19 Ministerial waiting time target which states that:

*“By March 2019, 55% of patients should wait no longer than 13 weeks for inpatient/day case treatment, with no patient waiting longer than 52 weeks.”*

This statistical release details information on the number of patients waiting, and length of time waiting, for inpatient and day case admissions in HSC Trusts at 31<sup>st</sup> March 2019. Data are presented by HSC Trust, specialty and time band. It also includes inpatient and day case activity commissioned by the Health Service during the quarter ending March 2019.

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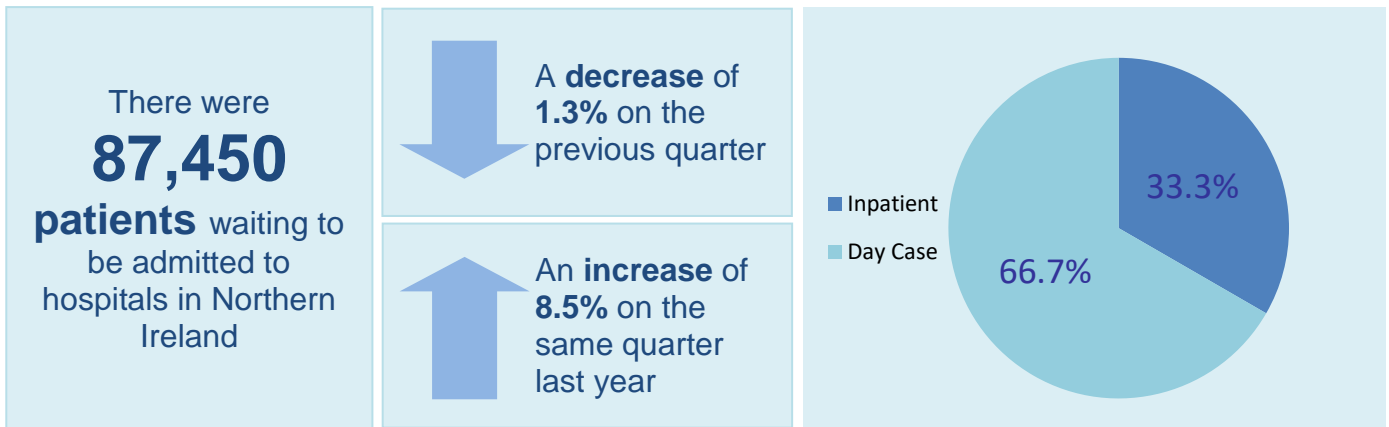
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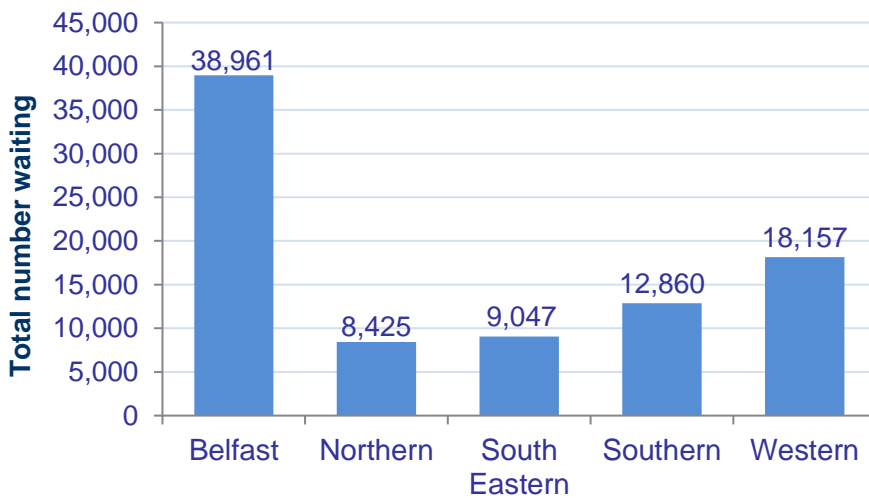
## Total number of patients waiting at 31<sup>st</sup> March 2019



Source: DoH Inpatient Waiting Times Dataset

At 31<sup>st</sup> March 2019, a total of 87,450 patients were waiting to be admitted to hospitals in Northern Ireland, 1.3% (1,155) fewer than at 31<sup>st</sup> December 2018 (88,605), and 8.5% (6,880) more than at 31<sup>st</sup> March 2018 (80,570) (Table 1).

One third (33.3%, 29,150) of those waiting for admission at 31<sup>st</sup> March 2019 were waiting for an inpatient admission, with the remaining 66.7% (58,300) waiting for a day case admission (Table 1).



A number of inpatient and day case services may not be provided at a patient's local HSC Trust, and instead are provided at a single regional centre for Northern Ireland. As patients are reported against the HSC Trust responsible for the service that will be providing treatment, users should be cautious in how they use these data (see explanatory note 11).

Source: DoH Inpatient Waiting Times Dataset

Over two fifths (44.6%) were waiting to be admitted in the Belfast HSC Trust, with a further 20.8% waiting in the Western HSC Trust, 14.7% in the Southern HSC Trust, 10.3% in the South Eastern HSC Trust and 9.6% in the Northern HSC Trust (Table 2a).

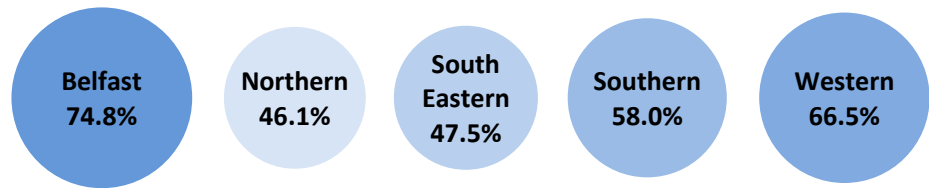
Of the 87,450 patients waiting for admission, four fifths (81.5%, 71,237) were in one of the following specialties: Trauma and Orthopaedic (T&O) Surgery (16,667); General Surgery (16,661); Ophthalmology (9,963); Ear, Nose and Throat (ENT) (9,754); Urology (8,319), Gynaecology (5,350) and Gastroenterology (4,523) (Table 3a).

## Patients waiting more than 13 weeks at 31<sup>st</sup> March 2019

By March 2019, 55% of patients should wait no longer than 13 weeks for inpatient/day case treatment

This element was **not achieved** by Northern Ireland as a whole

**65.0%**  
of patients were waiting longer than 13 weeks



### Percentage waiting over 13 weeks

Source: DoH Inpatient Waiting Times Dataset

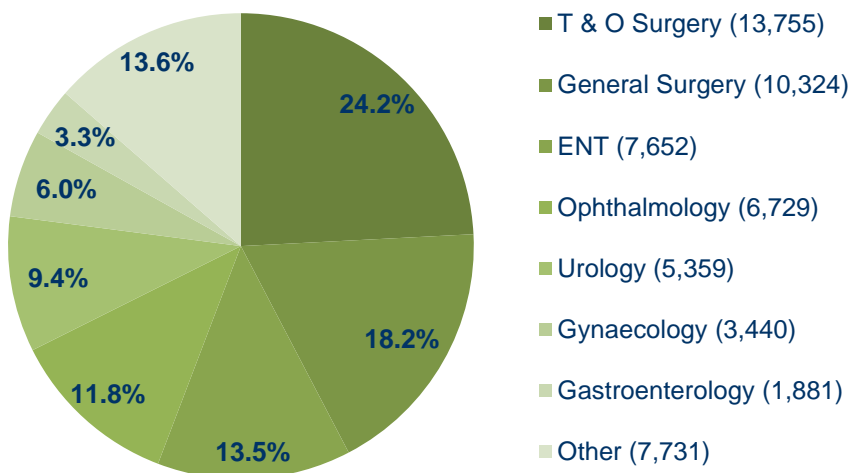
Achievement of the 13 week target requires that less than 45% of patients should be waiting over 13 weeks for inpatient or day case admission.

At 31<sup>st</sup> March 2019, 65.0% (56,871) of patients were waiting more than 13 weeks to be admitted for treatment, compared with 64.6% (57,237) at 31<sup>st</sup> December 2018 and 62.3% (50,228) at 31<sup>st</sup> March 2018 (Table 1).

At 31<sup>st</sup> March 2019, the 13 week element of the target was not achieved by Northern Ireland as a whole (Table 2a), or by the HSC Trusts. Data users should be aware that many inpatient and day case services are not provided at every HSC Trust (see explanatory note 11).

Of patients waiting for an inpatient admission, four-fifths (79.6%, 23,203) were waiting over 13 weeks. This is compared with 57.7% (33,668) waiting over 13 weeks for a day case admission (Table 1).

### Patients waiting over 13 weeks by specialty



Over four-fifths (86.4%, 49,140) of the 56,871 patients waiting more than 13 weeks at 31<sup>st</sup> March 2019 were in one of the following specialties: Trauma and Orthopaedic (T&O) Surgery; General Surgery; Ear, Nose and Throat (ENT); Ophthalmology; Urology; Gynaecology and Gastroenterology (Table 3a).

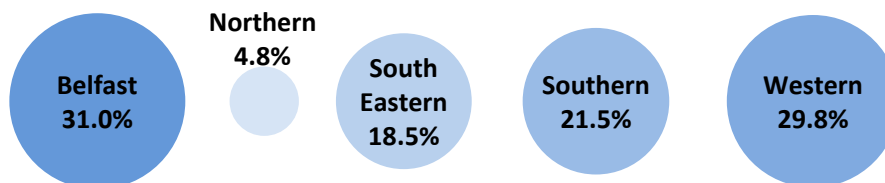
Source: DoH Inpatient Waiting Times Dataset

## Patients waiting more than 52 weeks at 31<sup>st</sup> March 2019

By March 2019, no patient should wait longer than 52 weeks for inpatient/day case treatment

This element was **not achieved** by Northern Ireland as a whole

**22,350**  
patients were waiting longer than 52 weeks



### Percentage waiting over 52 weeks

Source: DoH Inpatient Waiting Times Dataset

Achievement of the 52 week target requires that no patient should be waiting over 52 weeks for inpatient or day case admission.

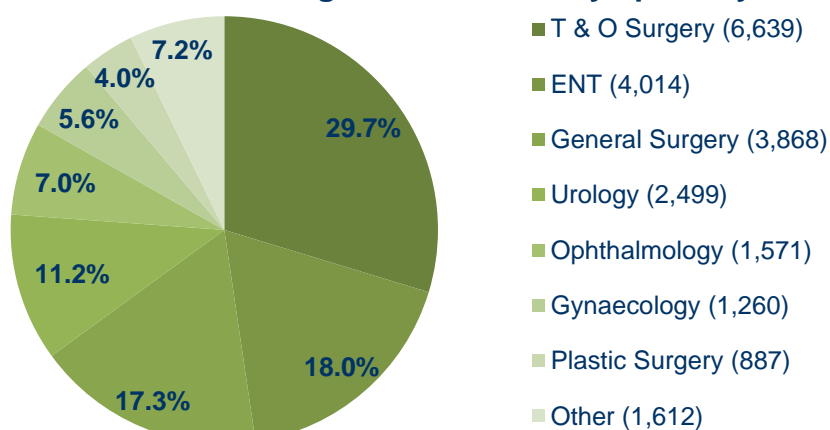
At 31<sup>st</sup> March 2019, 25.6% (22,350) of patients were waiting more than 52 weeks for either an inpatient or day case admission, compared with 21.7% (21,477) at 31<sup>st</sup> December 2018, and 20.4% (16,454) at 31<sup>st</sup> March 2018 (Table 1).

At 31<sup>st</sup> March 2019, the 52 week element of the target was not achieved by Northern Ireland as a whole or by any individual HSC Trust (Table 2a). Data users should be aware that many inpatient and day case services are not provided at every HSC Trust (see explanatory note 11).

Over a quarter of patients in both the Belfast (31.0%, 12,091) and Western (29.8%, 5,410) HSC Trusts were waiting longer than 52 weeks at 31<sup>st</sup> March 2019, 21.5% (2,770) in the Southern HSC Trust, 18.5% (1,673) in the South Eastern HSC Trust, and 4.8% (406) in the Northern HSC Trust (Table 2a).

Of those waiting more than 52 weeks, 11,590 were waiting for an inpatient admission and 10,760 were waiting for a day case admission (Table 1).

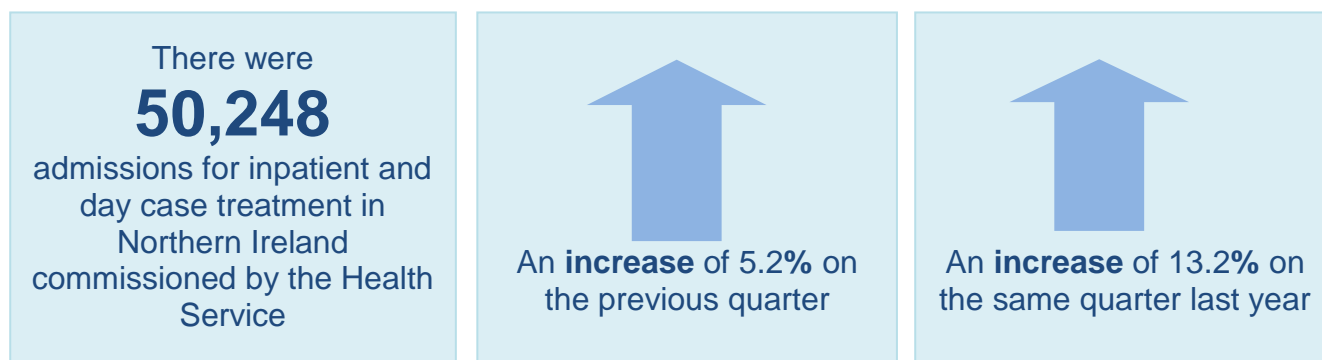
### Patients waiting over 52 weeks by specialty



Almost all (92.8%, 20,738) of the 22,350 patients waiting more than 52 weeks at 31<sup>st</sup> March 2019 were in one of the following specialties: Trauma and Orthopaedic (T&O) Surgery; Ear, Nose and Throat (ENT); General Surgery; Urology; Ophthalmology; Gynaecology and Plastic Surgery (Table 3a).

Source: DoH Inpatient Waiting Times Dataset

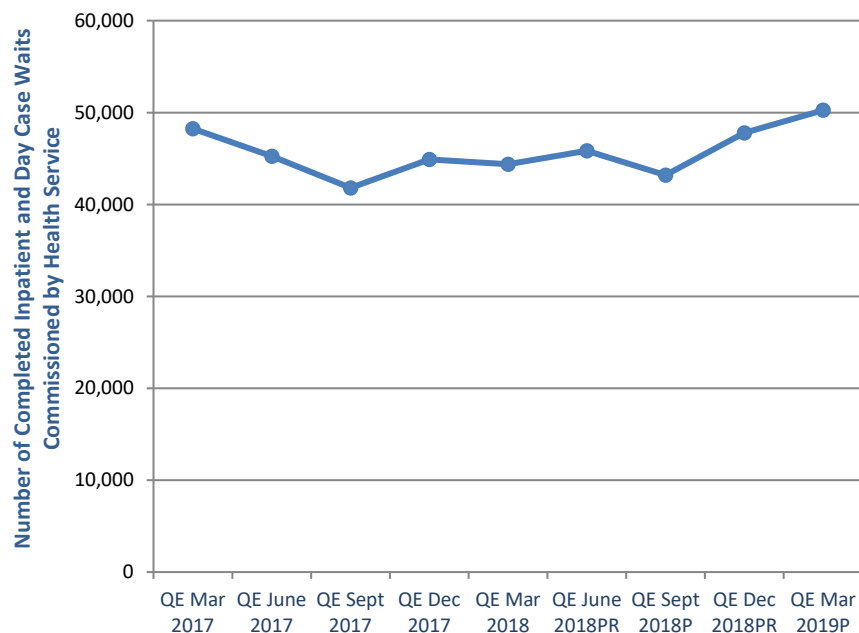
## Completed waits for inpatient and day case activity during quarter ending 31<sup>st</sup> March 2019



Source: Hospital Inpatient System & IS1 Part 2 Return

A total of 43,824 patients were admitted to Health Service hospitals in Northern Ireland during the quarter ending 31<sup>st</sup> March 2019, 3.6% (1,659) fewer than during the quarter ending 31<sup>st</sup> December 2018 (45,483) and 5.4% (2,238) more than during the quarter ending 31<sup>st</sup> March 2018 (41,586) (Table 4).

During the quarter ending 31<sup>st</sup> March 2019, 6,424 patients received inpatient or day case treatment commissioned by the Health Service within the Independent Sector, almost three times the number seen during the quarter ending 31<sup>st</sup> December 2018 (2,296), and more than double the number during the same quarter last year (2,793) (Table 4).



Source: Hospital Inpatient System & IS1 Part 2 Return

<sup>P</sup> Data are currently provisional

<sup>R</sup> Revised figures

When the number of completed inpatient and day case waits within the Independent Sector during the quarter ending 31<sup>st</sup> March 2019 (6,424) is combined with those treated in Health Service hospitals during the same period (43,824), provisional figures indicate that 50,248 inpatients and day cases received treatment in Northern Ireland commissioned by the Health Service. This was a 5.2% (2,469) increase in

the number of completed waits commissioned by the Health Service between the quarter ending December 2018 (47,779) and the quarter ending March 2019 (50,248) and an increase of 13.2% (5,869) compared to quarter ending March 2018 (44,379) (Table 4).



## Patients waiting at a Regional Assessment and Surgical Centre (RASC) at 31<sup>st</sup> March 2019

There were

**1,135**

Patients waiting to be admitted to a Regional Assessment & Surgical Centre (RASC)

There were

**488**

Patients waiting to be admitted to a Varicose Veins RASC

There were

**647**

Patients waiting to be admitted to a Cataracts RASC

Source: HSCB

In October 2016 the then Health Minister launched 'Health and Wellbeing 2026: Delivering Together,' a strategy which underpins the Northern Ireland Executive's draft Programme for Government ambition to support people to lead long, healthy and active lives.

As part of this strategy, the Elective Care Plan was published in February 2017 which stated that 'Regional Elective Care Assessment and Treatment Centres will be established to deliver large volumes of assessments and non-complex routine surgery across a broad range of specialties.' In December 2018, prototype 'Regional Assessment and Surgical Centres' (RASCs) became operational for the surgical treatment of Cataracts and Varicose Veins. Patients waiting for either of these procedures can now be referred to a RASC for treatment rather than attend the hospital site they may have been referred to previously.

RASCs have been set up in the following locations:

RASC	Location(s) of Regional Centre
Cataracts	Mid Ulster Hospital (Northern HSC Trust) Down Hospital (South Eastern HSC Trust) South Tyrone Hospital (Southern HSC Trust)
Varicose Veins	Lagan Valley Hospital (South Eastern HSC Trust) Omagh Urgent Care and Treatment Centre (Western HSC Trust)

Due to these changes in operational service delivery and concomitant changes in how inpatient waiting times are recorded, the following data and information about RASC Waiting Lists is provisional and subject to revision. They are not National Statistics and have been provided to the Department of Health by the Health and Social Care Board (HSCB) for inclusion in this publication.

At 31<sup>st</sup> March 2019, 488 patients were waiting to be admitted to a Varicose Veins RASC, with a further 647 patients waiting to be admitted to a Cataracts RASC (Table 5).



## Appendix 1: Tables

**Table 1: Quarterly inpatient and day case waiting lists – 31<sup>st</sup> March 2019<sup>1</sup>**

Type of Admission		Current Quarter (31st Mar 2019)	Previous Quarter (31st Dec 2018)	Same Quarter Last Year (31st Mar 2018)
<b>Inpatient</b>	Total Patients Waiting	29,150	28,782	26,339
	Number waiting over 13 weeks	23,203	22,725	20,307
	<i>Percentage waiting over 13 weeks</i>	79.6%	79.0%	77.1%
	Number waiting over 52 weeks	11,590	10,958	8,631
<b>Day Case</b>	Total Patients Waiting	58,300	59,823	54,231
	Number waiting over 13 weeks	33,668	34,512	29,921
	<i>Percentage waiting over 13 weeks</i>	57.7%	57.7%	55.2%
	Number waiting over 52 weeks	10,760	10,519	7,823
<b>All Admissions</b>	Total Patients Waiting	87,450	88,605	80,570
	Number waiting over 13 weeks	56,871	57,237	50,228
	<i>Percentage waiting over 13 weeks</i>	65.0%	64.6%	62.3%
	Number waiting over 52 weeks	22,350	21,477	16,454

Source: DoH Inpatient Waiting Times Dataset

<sup>1</sup>Refer to Explanatory Notes 1–14 & 18-19

**Table 2a: Number of patients waiting for inpatient and day case admissions by HSC Trust and weeks waiting – 31<sup>st</sup> March 2019<sup>1</sup>**

HSC Trust	Patients Waiting for Admission by Weeks Waiting						Total Waiting for Admission
	0 - 6	>6 - 13	>13 - 21	>21 - 26	>26-52	>52	
Belfast	4,502	5,302	4,436	2,537	10,093	12,091	38,961
Northern	2,843	1,701	1,201	598	1,676	406	8,425
South Eastern	2,746	2,002	1,031	428	1,167	1,673	9,047
Southern	3,012	2,393	1,654	776	2,255	2,770	12,860
Western	3,268	2,810	2,285	1,115	3,269	5,410	18,157
<b>Total</b>	<b>16,371</b>	<b>14,208</b>	<b>10,607</b>	<b>5,454</b>	<b>18,460</b>	<b>22,350</b>	<b>87,450</b>

Source: DoH Inpatient Waiting Times Dataset

<sup>1</sup>Refer to Explanatory Notes 1–14 & 18-19

**Table 2b: Percentage of patients waiting for inpatient and day case admissions by HSC Trust and weeks waiting – 31<sup>st</sup> March 2019<sup>1</sup>**

HSC Trust	Patients Waiting for Admission by Weeks Waiting					
	0 - 6	>6 - 13	>13 - 21	>21 - 26	>26-52	>52
Belfast	11.6%	13.6%	11.4%	6.5%	25.9%	31.0%
Northern	33.7%	20.2%	14.3%	7.1%	19.9%	4.8%
South Eastern	30.4%	22.1%	11.4%	4.7%	12.9%	18.5%
Southern	23.4%	18.6%	12.9%	6.0%	17.5%	21.5%
Western	18.0%	15.5%	12.6%	6.1%	18.0%	29.8%
<b>Total</b>	<b>18.7%</b>	<b>16.2%</b>	<b>12.1%</b>	<b>6.2%</b>	<b>21.1%</b>	<b>25.6%</b>

Source: DoH Inpatient Waiting Times Dataset

<sup>1</sup>Refer to Explanatory Notes 1–14 & 18-19

**Table 3a: Number of patients waiting for inpatient and day case admissions by weeks waiting and specialty – 31<sup>st</sup> March 2019<sup>1</sup>**

Specialty	Patients Waiting for Admission by Weeks Waiting						Total Waiting for Admission
	0 - 6	>6 - 13	>13 - 21	>21 - 26	>26-52	>52	
General Surgery	3,510	2,827	1,957	1,034	3,465	3,868	16,661
T & O Surgery	859	2,053	1,836	1,029	4,251	6,639	16,667
Ophthalmology	1,383	1,851	1,455	903	2,800	1,571	9,963
ENT	1,052	1,050	985	565	2,088	4,014	9,754
Urology	1,704	1,256	919	519	1,422	2,499	8,319
Gynaecology	1,029	881	671	361	1,148	1,260	5,350
Gastroenterology	1,758	884	577	254	913	137	4,523
General Medicine	1,770	990	602	90	131	170	3,753
Cardiology	768	496	332	124	328	74	2,122
Pain Management	290	263	287	162	643	468	2,113
Plastic Surgery	281	254	202	90	362	887	2,076
Oral Surgery	220	194	125	51	186	165	941
Paediatric Surgery	143	131	105	53	172	166	770
GP Other	350	273	56	14	19	1	713
Dermatology	325	191	104	56	133	5	814
Paediatrics	73	71	67	29	120	88	448
Neurology	85	85	66	24	70	16	346
Rheumatology	147	94	54	9	3	44	351
Neurosurgery	46	49	41	31	64	66	297
Other	578	315	166	56	142	212	1,469
<b>All Specialties</b>	<b>16,371</b>	<b>14,208</b>	<b>10,607</b>	<b>5,454</b>	<b>18,460</b>	<b>22,350</b>	<b>87,450</b>

Source: DoH Inpatient Waiting Times Dataset

<sup>1</sup>Refer to Explanatory Notes 1–14 & 18-19

**Table 3b: Percentage of patients waiting for inpatient and day case admissions by weeks waiting and specialty – 31<sup>st</sup> March 2019<sup>1</sup>**

Specialty	Percentage of Patients Waiting for Admission by Weeks Waiting					
	0 - 6	>6 - 13	>13 - 21	>21 - 26	>26-52	>52
General Surgery	21.1%	17.0%	11.7%	6.2%	20.8%	23.2%
T & O Surgery	5.2%	12.3%	11.0%	6.2%	25.5%	39.8%
Ophthalmology	13.9%	18.6%	14.6%	9.1%	28.1%	15.8%
ENT	10.8%	10.8%	10.1%	5.8%	21.4%	41.2%
Urology	20.5%	15.1%	11.0%	6.2%	17.1%	30.0%
Gynaecology	19.2%	16.5%	12.5%	6.7%	21.5%	23.6%
Gastroenterology	38.9%	19.5%	12.8%	5.6%	20.2%	3.0%
General Medicine	47.2%	26.4%	16.0%	2.4%	3.5%	4.5%
Cardiology	36.2%	23.4%	15.6%	5.8%	15.5%	3.5%
Pain Management	13.7%	12.4%	13.6%	7.7%	30.4%	22.1%
Plastic Surgery	13.5%	12.2%	9.7%	4.3%	17.4%	42.7%
Oral Surgery	23.4%	20.6%	13.3%	5.4%	19.8%	17.5%
Paediatric Surgery	18.6%	17.0%	13.6%	6.9%	22.3%	21.6%
GP Other	49.1%	38.3%	7.9%	2.0%	2.7%	0.1%
Dermatology	39.9%	23.5%	12.8%	6.9%	16.3%	0.6%
Paediatrics	16.3%	15.8%	15.0%	6.5%	26.8%	19.6%
Neurology	24.6%	24.6%	19.1%	6.9%	20.2%	4.6%
Rheumatology	41.9%	26.8%	15.4%	2.6%	0.9%	12.5%
Neurosurgery	15.5%	16.5%	13.8%	10.4%	21.5%	22.2%
Other	39.3%	21.4%	11.3%	3.8%	9.7%	14.4%
<b>All Specialties</b>	<b>18.7%</b>	<b>16.2%</b>	<b>12.1%</b>	<b>6.2%</b>	<b>21.1%</b>	<b>25.6%</b>

Source: DoH Inpatient Waiting Times Dataset

<sup>1</sup>Refer to Explanatory Notes 1–14 & 18-19

**Table 4: Number of completed inpatient and day case waits commissioned by the Health Service: QE December 2016 - QE March 2019<sup>2</sup>**

Quarter Ending	Number of Completed Inpatient and Day Case Waits		
	Within Health Service Hospitals	Independent Sector*	Total Commissioned by Health Service
QE Dec 2016	45,843	2,589	48,432
QE Mar 2017	44,541	3,719	48,260
QE June 2017	44,641	599	45,240
QE Sept 2017	41,467	339	41,806
QE Dec 2017	44,351	545	44,896
QE Mar 2018	41,586	2,793	44,379
QE June 2018 <sup>PR</sup>	44,722	1,128	45,850
QE Sept 2018 <sup>P</sup>	42,061	1,126	43,187
QE Dec 2018 <sup>PR</sup>	45,483	2,296	47,779
QE Mar 2019 <sup>P</sup>	43,824	6,424	50,248

Source: Hospital Inpatient System & IS1 Part 2 Return

<sup>P</sup>Data are currently provisional

<sup>R</sup>Data has been revised

\*Not National Statistics

<sup>2</sup>Refer to Explanatory Notes 1, 4 & 15-19

**Table 5: Table 5: Number of patients waiting for admission to Regional Assessment and Surgical Centre (RASC), 31<sup>st</sup> March 2019**

RASC	Number of patients waiting for RASC Admission by Weeks Waiting						Total Waiting
	0 - 6	>6 - 13	>13 - 21	>21 - 26	>26-52	>52	
Varicose Veins	97	121	41	20	96	113	<b>488</b>
Cataracts	171	163	106	36	117	54	<b>647</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>268</b>	<b>284</b>	<b>147</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>213</b>	<b>167</b>	<b>1,135</b>

Source: HSCB

Note: Data are currently provisional and subject to revision

## Appendix 2: Explanatory Notes

1. The sources for the data contained in this release are the DoH Inpatient Waiting Times Dataset, Hospital Inpatient System and IS1 Part 2 Return. These returns collect information from Health and Social Care Trusts on a quarterly basis.

2. The '*Inpatient and Day Case Waiting Times Publication – Supporting Documentation*' booklet details the technical guidance and definitions used, as well as notes on how to use the data contained within this statistical release. This booklet is available to view or download from: <https://www.health-ni.gov.uk/publications/northern-ireland-waiting-time-statistics-inpatient-waiting-times-March-2019>.

3. All of the data contained in the tables are available on a quarterly basis and can be supplied by individual specialty or Provider HSC Trust if this level of detail is required. In addition, quarterly data relating to inpatient and day case waiting times have been published in spreadsheet format (CSV), split by HSC Trust, Specialty, Programme of Care and Intended Management of the patient (i.e. Inpatient Admission or Day Case), in order to aid secondary analysis. These data are available at <https://www.health-ni.gov.uk/articles/inpatient-waiting-times-March-2019>.

4. Information includes patients living outside Northern Ireland and privately funded patients waiting for treatment in Health Service hospitals in Northern Ireland.

5. Inpatient and day case waiting list data comprise the number of patients waiting for inpatient admission to hospital and the number of patients waiting for day case treatment.

6. Inpatient admissions can include both (a) patients admitted electively with the expectation that they will remain in hospital for at least one night, and (b) non-elective admissions (e.g. emergency admissions). A patient who is admitted with either of the above intentions, but who leaves hospital for any reason without staying overnight, is still counted as an inpatient admission.

7. Day Cases are patients admitted electively during the course of a day with the intention of receiving care who do not require the use of a hospital bed overnight and who return home as scheduled. If this original intention is not fulfilled and the patient stays overnight, such a patient is counted as an inpatient admission.

8. The inpatient and day case waiting list figures do not include:

- Patients admitted as emergency cases;
- Outpatients;
- Patients undergoing a planned programme of treatment e.g. a series of admissions for chemotherapy;

- Patients waiting for admission as a regular day or night attender
- Maternity (specialties 510 and 520);
- Patients currently receiving inpatient treatment in hospitals who are included on other waiting lists;
- Patients who are temporarily suspended from waiting lists.

9. Waiting time begins from the date the clinician decided to admit the patient. Patients who cannot attend (CNA) have their waiting time adjusted to commence on the date they informed the HSC Trust they could not attend, while patients who do not attend (DNA) have their waiting time adjusted to commence on the date of the DNA.

10. Some people will be waiting on more than one waiting list or be on the waiting list for more than one outpatient appointment/admission/diagnostic test at the same time due to having more than one condition.

11. The Ministerial target, for inpatient and day case waiting times, as set out in the Health and Social Care (Commissioning Plan) Direction states that, by March 2019, at least 55% of patients should wait no longer than 13 weeks for inpatient or day case treatment, with no patient waiting longer than 52 weeks.

12. A number of inpatient and day case services may not be provided at a patient's local HSC Trust or at each of the five HSC Trusts, and instead are provided at a single regional centre for Northern Ireland. In such circumstances, patients from one HSC Trust area will be waiting to be seen at a service provided at another HSC Trust. Users should therefore be cautious in how they use these data. For example, they should not be used to calculate the total number of patients waiting per head of the population residing within each Trust area, as HSC Trusts that provide services for the whole of Northern Ireland will have a higher number of patients waiting per head of the population than those that provide more localised services. Neither should the actual number of patients waiting longer than the recommended waiting time be used as indicator of poor performance within an individual HSC Trust. Users who require an indication of the latter are advised to refer to the commentary section of the publication which provides an indication of the percentage of total waiters that have been waiting over the maximum recommended waiting times, within each HSC Trust.

13. For Tables 2a, 2b, 3a and 3b, each inpatient and day case waiting time band relates to the number of completed weeks a patient has been waiting for admission for treatment. For example, a patient waiting exactly 6 weeks would be included in the 0-6 week time band and a patient waiting 6 weeks and 1 day would be included in the >6-13 (greater than 6 weeks but waiting no longer than 13 weeks) week time band. Patients waiting 'more than 13 weeks' includes all patients in the >13-21, >21-26,

>26-52 and >52 time bands. Patients waiting 'more than 52 weeks' includes all patients in the >52 time band.

14. Patients waiting for day case endoscopies are included within both inpatient and diagnostic waiting times; as such, figures should not be added together.

15. The total number of completed inpatient waits within HSC hospitals each quarter is sourced from the Hospital Inpatient System. During the financial year, data from the Hospital Inpatient System will be marked as provisional. This is because information on inpatient admissions continuously improves during the year before being finalised. Consequently, quarterly information from the Hospital Inpatient System, for the most recent financial year, will be revised on a quarterly basis.

16. The number of completed inpatient waits within HSC hospitals each quarter do not include:

- Elective planned patients
- Emergency patients
- Maternity (specialties 510 and 520)
- Private patients
- Amenity patients
- Mental Health and Learning Disability patients
- Others (including transfers)

17. The numbers of patients who received inpatient treatment, commissioned by the Health Service, in the Independent Sector, are provided by the HSC Board. They are not National Statistics and they have not been validated by the Department, however, they have been included to provide users with a comprehensive view of completed inpatient waits during each quarter.

18. HIB surveyed data providers during 2011/12 to ascertain the cost of producing, validating and submitting the information required for this publication. This relates to the time taken to generate, validate and submit data, over and above what is already required by their organisation for internal performance management purposes. The annual cost to data providers of compliance with HIB's requirements for this publication, based on HSC salary costs, was £1,670.

19. Figures relating to inpatient and day case waiting times for the quarter ending 30<sup>th</sup> June 2019 will be released on Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> August 2019.



**Further information on Inpatient and Day Case Waiting Times in Northern Ireland is available from:**

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