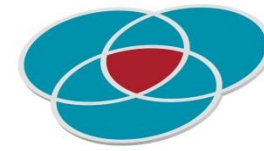




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# Waiting Times Summary Report

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## Waiting Times

The Northern Health & Social Care Trust monitors waiting time performance against a number of Departmental targets on a monthly basis to include Inpatients, Daycases, Outpatients, Diagnostics and AHP's. This report is a summary of the Trust waiting times performance presenting waiting times by speciality.

### Summary Positions

#### Elective In-patients and Day Case Waiters -

As at 30/04/2019 there were;

- 2832 NHSCT patients waiting over 13 weeks (Inpatient / Day Case)
- 450 NHSCT patients waiting over 52 weeks
- 49% NHSCT patients were waiting within 13 weeks

**Table 1(a): IP/DC Core Patients by Weeks Waiting at 30/04/2019 (exc. Endoscopy)**

Speciality	Weeks Waiting																																Total >13 wks	Longest Waiter	Total Waits	% < 13 Wks						
	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32	33	34	35	36	37	38	39	40	41	42	43					44	45-52	> 52			
<b>Daycase</b>																																										
CARDIOLOGY (C)		5	5	6	8	1	1	7	8	8	5	2	2				1																				59	28	196	70%		
DENT LEARN DIS/SPEC NEEDS (C)				2	4	1			3	1	3	2	1				1	1			1																20	32	54	63%		
DENTAL CHILDRENS (C)				4	1	1	1		5	1	1					1	1			1	1																19	40	241	92%		
DERMATOLOGY (C)	15			3	1																																	4	15	161	98%	
EAR, NOSE & THROAT (C)		1	16	9	18	5	2	9	10	4	9	6	6	3	2	4	1	4	8	3	6	9	2	6	5	5	7	3	6	8	3	4	2	32	28	246	109	506	51%			
GENERAL SURGERY (C)		8	27	23	18	8	5	26	14	16	5	16	15	16	11	10	9	6	5	11	9	3	2	7	5	1	3	5	7	5	1	1	2	6	3	309	73	961	68%			
GENERAL SURGERY (IS)																																			1		1	49	1	0%		
GENERAL SURGERY BREAST (C)					2	1	2	2						1	2																				1		11	67	31	65%		
GYNACOLOGY (C)			12	8	7	7	1	4	5	6	7	8	6	5	2	8	6	1	4	3	9	4	3	1	2	6		2	5	3	3	1	1	25	20	185	85	486	62%			
OPHTHALMOLOGY RASC (C)				1																																16		18	60	21	14%	
PAIN MANAGEMENT (C)		1	13	12	11	7	4	17	22	28	21	11	4	14	11	9	11	18	12	20	12	15	8	2	22	13	10	8	11	12	5	12	12	46	53	487	74	693	30%			
<b>Inpatient</b>																																										
EAR, NOSE & THROAT (C)		4	15	20	12	8	4	22	15	13	20	11	21	16	20	15	16	15	14	14	8	17	21	15	16	12	7	16	13	6	13	13	15	56	88	591	155	850	30%			
GENERAL SURGERY (C)		5	16	18	14	6	5	9	10	12	10	14	12	10	8	6	19	11	16	11	10	9	8	4	5	4	10	7	18	6	3	5	10	65	160	536	136	748	28%			
GENERAL SURGERY BREAST (C)				1		2		1		2		1			1		1	1	1		1		1		1		2	1		2		2	1		7	35	63	202	91	31%		
GYNACOLOGY (C)			3	10	9	7	8	1	12	9	7	8	5	8	7	8	4	5	2	10	8	8	5	7	3	7	14	2	5	2	9	3	6	1	33	46	282	116	454	38%		
PAIN MANAGEMENT (C)																																							1	32	1	0%
<b>Total</b>		27	124	112	101	52	26	116	97	98	88	74	74	72	64	58	70	59	70	71	65	64	52	39	62	57	40	46	65	49	33	43	43	271	450	2832						

(Source: Information Services – Acute, PTLIPDC– run date 07/05/2019)

#### Notes:

- Waiting list figures are validated weekly by operational staff.
- Table 1(a) excludes Visiting Consultant Waiters.
- Right hand columns refer to the total number of patients waiting in the Trust over 13 weeks, and also the longest wait for an operation within a particular specialty as at month end.
- Patients are grouped into weeks waiting, i.e. 52 weeks equals 364 – 370 days. Patients waiting >52 weeks (364 – 370 days) will therefore be included in the 52 week group. Only those patients waiting exactly 52 weeks in this column are not breachers.





**Table 2(b): Visiting Consultant OP Patients by Weeks Waiting at 30/04/2019**

- 24% NHSCT Patients waiting within 9 weeks

Speciality	Weeks Waiting																															Total >9 wks	Longest Waiter	Total Waiters	% < 9 wks								
	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32	33	34	35	36	37	38	39					40	41	42	43	44	45-52	>52	
DENTAL SURGERY (C)	6	4	4	16	2	6	3	4	1	2	9	8	7	10	10	5	8	6	9	5	7	17	10	12	7	9	6	3	8	7	4	5	1	7	12	6	33	485	764	233	807	5%	
NEUROLOGY (C)	4	7	4	1	4	5	7	3	1	1	1	2	2	3	6	6	4	3	4	5	7	4	8	2	5	5	4	5	5	2	5	7	4	1	5	5	37	569	753	234	807	7%	
NEUROLOGY VISITING (C)		1																																						1	10	10	90%
OPHTHALMOLOGY (C)	20	29	14	17	29	22	21	9	5	21	12	17	18	28	19	16	11	17	21	18	22	34	13	29	16	14	15	14	12	6	2	2	1	1	1		2		548	47	798	31%	
PAEDIATRIC CARDIOLOGY (C)																																								2	42	5	60%
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>72</b>	<b>1054</b>	<b>2068</b>				

(Source: Information Services – Acute OP Breach – run date 07/05/2019)

### Northern Trust Outpatients Average Completed Waits – Routine

The outpatient waiting time information relates to average waiting times for patients seen in April 2019 for their first outpatient attendance. It is calculated as an average of the difference between:

1. The scheduled appointment date and the effective current date i.e. excluding DNA's and cancellations
2. Urgent Patients are excluded

**Table 3(a):**

Specialty	Apr-19	May-19	Jun-19	Jul-19	Aug-19	Sep-19	Oct-19	Nov-19	Dec-19	Jan-20	Feb-20	Mar-20
Breast Surgery	12											
Cardiology	10											
Colposcopy	8											
Dermatology	7											
ENT	55											
Gastroenterology	87											
General Surgery	33											
Gynae inc Hysteroscopy	17											
Haematology	30											
General Medicine	5											
Nephrology	7											
Neurology	78											
Paediatric Medicine	16											
Pain Management	49											
Rheumatology	34											
Thoracic	66											

**Note:** General Medicine includes Chemical Pathology, Diabetics & Endocrinology  
 Activity Recorded in Weeks & Numbers Rounded and includes Cancers & Waiting List Initiative  
 ICATS excluded  
 As at 15/05/2019

## Northern Trust Outpatients Average Completed Waits – Urgent

The outpatient waiting time information relates to average waiting times for patients seen in April 2019 for their first outpatient attendance. It is calculated as an average of the difference between:

1. the scheduled appointment date and the effective current date i.e. excluding DNAs and cancellations
2. Showing Urgent Patients

**Table 3 (b):**

Specialty	Apr-19	May-19	Jun-19	Jul-19	Aug-19	Sep-19	Oct-19	Nov-19	Dec-19	Jan-20	Feb-20	Mar-20
Breast Surgery	2											
Cardiology	7											
Colposcopy	2											
Dermatology	6											
ENT	15											
Gastroenterology	12											
General Surgery	10											
Gynae inc Hysteroscopy	6											
Haematology	4											
General Medicine	5											
Nephrology	6											
Neurology	25											
Paediatric Medicine	4											
Pain Management	14											
Rheumatology	17											
Thoracic	7											

**Note:** General Medicine includes Chemical Pathology, Diabetics & Endocrinology  
 Activity Recorded in Weeks & Numbers Rounded and includes Cancers & Waiting List Initiative  
 ICATS excluded  
 As at 15/05/2019



**Diagnostics** – As at 30/04/2019 – 45% of patients were waiting < 9 weeks for a diagnostic test with 8810 patients waiting over 26 weeks.

**TABLE 4: Waiting List Position as of 30/04/2019**

	0-3 Weeks (0 - 21 days)	>3 to 6 weeks (22 - 42 days)	>6 to 9 weeks (43 - 63 days)	>9 to 13 weeks (64 - 91 days)	>13 to 21 weeks (92 - 147 days)	>21 to 26 weeks (148 - 182 days)	>26 to 36 weeks (183 - 252 days)	>36 to 52 weeks (253 - 364 days)	>52 to 65 weeks (365 - 455 days)	>65 to 78 weeks (456 - 546 days)	> 78 weeks (547 days +)	Total waiters
<i>Cardiology</i>	852	560	363	271	679	388	648	996	275	0	0	5,032
<i>Respiratory Physiology</i>	464	286	95	45	26	3	0	0	0	0	0	919
<i>Urodynamics</i>	12	17	14	16	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	62
<i>Audiology</i>	232	224	155	112	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	725
<i>Total Physiological</i>	1560	1087	627	444	709	392	648	996	275	0		6738
<i>Total Imaging</i>	5309	3351	2236	2088	2657	1934	3554	585	2743	9	0	24466
<i>Total Diagnostic</i>	6869	4438	2863	2532	3366	2326	4202	1581	3018	9	0	31204

(Source: Acute Hospital Information Services; Priority 2 – Diagnostic Test WL Monthly)