

**WAITING TIMES FOR ELECTIVE SURGERY:  
A HOSPITAL-BASED APPROACH**

**APPENDIX 1**

**SUPPLEMENTARY SPECIALTY TABLES**

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Table A1 Patients waiting for first outpatient appointment following written GP referral (thousands)  
All specialties

Position as at the end of:		Number of GP referrals seen (000s)	Of those GP referrals seen, the number who waited (thousands)				Of those referrals not yet seen, the number waiting (thousands)	
			0 - 4 weeks	4 - 12 weeks	12 - 26 weeks	26 + weeks	12-26 weeks	26+ weeks
1995	Q1	1786	715	803	213	56	212	87
	Q2	1840	710	814	261	55	217	72
	Q3	1897	763	808	269	57	185	60
	Q4	2003	809	858	277	59	157	58
1996	Q1	1870	733	854	234	50	169	52
	Q2	1894	742	845	265	42	202	62
	Q3	1921	773	823	273	53	188	68
	Q4	1880	757	806	262	55	177	71
1997	Q1	1905	743	867	234	61	210	85
	Q2	1900	727	842	273	55	253	90
	Q3	1889	747	790	284	67	249	107
	Q4	1919	758	800	284	78	222	112
1998	Q1	1827	690	809	256	72	269	109
	Q2	1882	687	817	304	75	311	126
	Q3	1894	696	780	329	89	323	144
	Q4	1930	704	787	333	106	303	153
1999	Q1	1838	647	792	294	105	339	146
	Q2	1908	664	788	347	109	363	149
	Q3	1936	687	763	360	126	336	159
	Q4	2028	693	807	381	147	269	132
2000	Q1	1885	658	823	293	111	314	130
	Q2	1949	660	822	358	110	310	126
	Q3	2004	695	817	372	120	285	114
	Q4	2096	720	872	382	123	202	82
2001	Q1	1880	670	842	287	81	273	85
	Q2	1943	672	841	346	85	305	93
	Q3	2028	712	830	382	103	275	84
	Q4	2091	706	855	404	127	192	1
2002	Q1	1926	666	881	348	31	244	1
	Q2	2017	708	858	434	18	256	1

Table A2 Patients waiting for first outpatient appointment following written GP referral (thousands)  
Routine Surgery

Position as at the end of:		Number of GP referrals seen (000s)	Of those GP referrals seen, the number who waited (thousands)				Of those referrals not yet seen, the number waiting (thousands)	
			0 - 4 weeks	4 - 12 weeks	12 - 26 weeks	26+ weeks	12-26 weeks	26+ weeks
1995	Q1	1044	391	476	141	37	137	53
	Q2	1075	386	484	170	35	135	43
	Q3	1105	416	483	170	35	116	36
	Q4	1151	436	502	178	35	98	34
1996	Q1	1081	399	502	150	31	104	32
	Q2	1098	406	497	170	25	123	37
	Q3	1101	416	483	171	31	115	40
	Q4	1070	403	467	167	34	109	41
1997	Q1	1085	397	502	148	38	130	49
	Q2	1086	391	490	171	35	155	51
	Q3	1079	401	460	177	42	153	63
	Q4	1093	405	458	181	48	139	64
1998	Q1	1049	373	465	167	45	171	65
	Q2	1088	372	471	198	48	198	77
	Q3	1093	378	449	208	57	206	90
	Q4	1110	379	450	212	69	197	95
1999	Q1	1067	355	455	186	70	220	92
	Q2	1109	363	454	219	73	233	95
	Q3	1127	379	441	223	84	215	101
	Q4	1177	375	465	239	97	177	86
2000	Q1	1094	361	472	186	75	203	84
	Q2	1141	368	474	226	73	191	78
	Q3	1172	387	479	230	77	176	68
	Q4	1215	395	507	237	76	125	48
2001	Q1	1089	370	489	180	51	167	50
	Q2	1138	375	496	215	52	185	53
	Q3	1187	397	495	239	61	168	49
	Q4	1214	385	502	253	74	118	1
2002	Q1	1128	370	523	217	18	151	1
	Q2	1176	394	502	270	10	156	1

Table A3 Patients waiting for first outpatient appointment following written GP referral (thousands)  
General Surgery

Position as at the end of:		Number of GP referrals seen (000s)	Of those GP referrals seen, the number who waited (thousands)				Of those referrals not yet seen, the number waiting (thousands)	
			0 - 4 weeks	4 - 12 weeks	12 - 26 weeks	26+ weeks	12-26 weeks	26+ weeks
1995	Q1	245	120	102	18	5	15	7
	Q2	258	119	115	20	3	17	6
	Q3	264	128	111	23	3	15	6
	Q4	271	139	106	22	4	11	5
1996	Q1	252	125	105	17	3	12	4
	Q2	259	128	109	19	3	14	5
	Q3	260	134	102	21	3	15	6
	Q4	250	132	95	20	4	12	5
1997	Q1	255	131	104	16	4	13	6
	Q2	257	127	108	19	3	15	5
	Q3	257	134	98	22	4	18	6
	Q4	254	135	93	21	5	15	7
1998	Q1	250	128	100	18	4	18	7
	Q2	260	123	109	24	4	24	8
	Q3	269	131	105	29	5	26	9
	Q4	269	129	105	29	7	23	11
1999	Q1	261	121	108	24	8	25	10
	Q2	271	122	110	30	8	26	8
	Q3	273	130	105	32	7	25	8
	Q4	276	125	108	33	9	19	8
2000	Q1	261	121	107	26	7	21	7
	Q2	270	121	111	31	7	22	6
	Q3	277	128	110	32	7	22	6
	Q4	279	127	112	32	7	17	5
2001	Q1	261	122	108	26	6	20	6
	Q2	274	120	116	31	7	24	5
	Q3	282	128	110	38	7	24	5
	Q4	278	125	107	37	9	16	0
2002	Q1	265	121	114	29	2	18	0
	Q2	278	130	111	36	1	19	0

Table A4 Patients waiting for first outpatient appointment following written GP referral (thousands)  
Urology

Position as at the end of:		Number of GP referrals seen (000s)	Of those GP referrals seen, the number who waited (thousands)				Of those referrals not yet seen, the number waiting (thousands)	
			0 - 4 weeks	4 - 12 weeks	12 - 26 weeks	26+ weeks	12-26 weeks	26+ weeks
1995	Q1	69	20	34	11	3	11	4
	Q2	73	21	35	13	3	9	2
	Q3	73	24	35	12	2	7	2
	Q4	78	25	38	13	2	7	2
1996	Q1	71	22	37	11	1	9	2
	Q2	73	23	36	12	1	8	2
	Q3	74	27	36	10	2	7	3
	Q4	73	24	36	10	2	6	3
1997	Q1	70	22	36	10	2	8	3
	Q2	70	23	34	11	2	7	3
	Q3	71	25	34	10	2	7	3
	Q4	73	24	37	11	2	8	2
1998	Q1	68	21	35	10	2	10	3
	Q2	74	22	37	13	2	12	4
	Q3	75	24	35	14	3	12	5
	Q4	79	24	37	14	3	13	5
1999	Q1	72	20	35	14	4	15	5
	Q2	78	22	36	16	5	14	6
	Q3	79	24	36	15	5	13	6
	Q4	85	22	41	17	5	12	5
2000	Q1	75	21	36	14	4	14	5
	Q2	82	23	38	17	4	11	5
	Q3	83	26	36	16	4	12	4
	Q4	87	27	39	16	5	10	3
2001	Q1	76	25	35	13	3	14	4
	Q2	83	26	37	16	4	14	4
	Q3	86	29	36	16	5	13	4
	Q4	88	28	37	17	6	10	0
2002	Q1	80	26	36	16	2	13	0
	Q2	88	29	38	20	1	11	0

Table A5 Patients waiting for first outpatient appointment following written GP referral (thousands)  
Orthopaedics

Position as at the end of:		Number of GP referrals seen (000s)	Of those GP referrals seen, the number who waited (thousands)				Of those referrals not yet seen, the number waiting (thousands)	
			0 - 4 weeks	4 - 12 weeks	12 - 26 weeks	26+ weeks	12-26 weeks	26+ weeks
1995	Q1	194	67	79	35	13	39	19
	Q2	194	62	79	41	12	41	15
	Q3	199	61	80	46	13	40	15
	Q4	206	63	81	48	14	32	14
1996	Q1	190	59	84	37	11	32	13
	Q2	194	59	84	41	9	40	16
	Q3	197	54	83	48	12	39	16
	Q4	188	52	77	46	13	37	17
1997	Q1	189	52	83	39	15	43	19
	Q2	188	50	79	46	13	55	21
	Q3	191	49	75	51	17	54	26
	Q4	187	50	70	47	20	46	27
1998	Q1	174	44	71	41	19	55	27
	Q2	181	45	70	48	18	64	32
	Q3	180	41	66	53	21	68	35
	Q4	182	41	64	51	25	63	38
1999	Q1	174	40	66	44	25	68	35
	Q2	182	41	66	50	24	76	38
	Q3	188	42	64	52	29	71	44
	Q4	198	42	66	55	35	58	40
2000	Q1	181	40	69	44	28	64	39
	Q2	190	42	69	52	26	62	38
	Q3	201	41	75	55	29	60	35
	Q4	208	44	78	55	30	42	26
2001	Q1	179	41	77	41	20	50	25
	Q2	187	42	78	49	19	55	24
	Q3	203	44	80	58	21	50	22
	Q4	213	45	80	61	27	35	1
2002	Q1	191	43	89	53	6	39	0
	Q2	198	44	86	65	3	45	0

Table A6 Patients waiting for first outpatient appointment following written GP referral (thousands)  
ENT

Position as at the end of:		Number of GP referrals seen (000s)	Of those GP referrals seen, the number who waited (thousands)				Of those referrals not yet seen, the number waiting (thousands)	
			0 - 4 weeks	4 - 12 weeks	12 - 26 weeks	26+ weeks	12-26 weeks	26+ weeks
1995	Q1	170	47	89	29	5	28	6
	Q2	172	48	82	37	6	29	7
	Q3	177	55	80	35	7	21	4
	Q4	187	58	88	35	6	17	4
1996	Q1	177	51	89	30	6	20	5
	Q2	169	49	81	35	3	21	3
	Q3	171	53	80	33	5	18	4
	Q4	167	51	81	31	5	18	4
1997	Q1	171	49	88	29	5	24	6
	Q2	168	48	81	33	5	28	7
	Q3	162	49	74	33	6	27	8
	Q4	169	48	80	34	7	25	8
1998	Q1	163	44	79	33	6	33	9
	Q2	163	42	75	38	8	38	11
	Q3	165	44	71	41	10	37	15
	Q4	165	44	70	40	12	37	15
1999	Q1	161	41	71	36	12	43	14
	Q2	160	40	66	43	12	45	17
	Q3	170	43	66	45	16	39	17
	Q4	183	44	72	49	19	32	11
2000	Q1	164	43	74	36	12	40	11
	Q2	175	44	73	45	13	37	10
	Q3	180	46	75	46	13	31	8
	Q4	189	48	81	46	13	20	4
2001	Q1	164	44	79	34	8	32	4
	Q2	167	45	73	42	7	34	6
	Q3	177	47	76	45	10	29	6
	Q4	184	45	79	49	12	20	0
2002	Q1	168	42	81	42	3	28	0
	Q2	171	46	73	50	2	30	0

Table A7 Patients waiting for first outpatient appointment following written GP referral (thousands)  
Ophthalmology

Position as at the end of:		Number of GP referrals seen (000s)	Of those GP referrals seen, the number who waited (thousands)				Of those referrals not yet seen, the number waiting (thousands)	
			0 - 4 weeks	4 - 12 weeks	12 - 26 weeks	26+ weeks	12-26 weeks	26+ weeks
1995	Q1	139	43	64	25	7	26	9
	Q2	146	43	65	32	6	25	8
	Q3	154	46	71	30	7	19	6
	Q4	160	49	72	33	6	18	6
1996	Q1	155	44	74	30	6	19	5
	Q2	162	47	73	36	6	26	7
	Q3	159	48	71	34	7	22	7
	Q4	153	45	66	34	7	23	7
1997	Q1	159	45	75	31	9	26	9
	Q2	161	45	72	36	8	30	8
	Q3	162	48	70	36	9	27	10
	Q4	165	48	70	37	10	27	9
1998	Q1	158	43	70	35	9	33	10
	Q2	162	43	67	42	10	37	12
	Q3	158	43	64	40	12	38	16
	Q4	162	42	63	43	14	38	16
1999	Q1	154	40	62	37	15	42	17
	Q2	167	42	62	46	16	46	17
	Q3	169	43	62	46	18	43	18
	Q4	177	46	65	47	20	34	16
2000	Q1	166	43	72	35	17	39	15
	Q2	177	44	72	45	17	33	12
	Q3	178	45	74	43	16	30	9
	Q4	187	46	79	48	14	19	5
2001	Q1	164	43	78	35	8	28	6
	Q2	170	43	77	42	8	31	7
	Q3	179	47	79	43	10	27	6
	Q4	185	46	81	46	12	20	0
2002	Q1	170	43	84	40	3	27	0
	Q2	179	45	80	53	1	26	0



Table A8 Patients waiting for first outpatient appointment following written GP referral (thousands)  
Oral Surgery

Position as at the end of:		Number of GP referrals seen (000s)	Of those GP referrals seen, the number who waited (thousands)				Of those referrals not yet seen, the number waiting (thousands)	
			0 - 4 weeks	4 - 12 weeks	12 - 26 weeks	26+ weeks	12-26 weeks	26+ weeks
1995	Q1	63	24	30	6	2	6	3
	Q2	63	25	28	9	2	5	3
	Q3	65	29	27	7	1	5	2
	Q4	69	28	31	8	1	5	3
1996	Q1	64	25	31	7	1	5	2
	Q2	68	26	32	9	1	5	3
	Q3	67	26	30	9	1	6	3
	Q4	67	26	30	10	1	6	3
1997	Q1	65	23	32	9	2	8	4
	Q2	64	23	30	9	2	10	5
	Q3	61	22	27	9	3	9	6
	Q4	63	22	28	11	3	9	7
1998	Q1	62	21	27	11	3	9	5
	Q2	65	22	28	12	3	10	5
	Q3	65	23	27	12	4	10	6
	Q4	67	22	29	12	4	12	6
1999	Q1	66	21	30	10	4	13	6
	Q2	68	22	30	11	4	12	6
	Q3	66	23	28	11	5	11	6
	Q4	72	23	32	12	5	11	5
2000	Q1	66	21	32	10	4	11	5
	Q2	67	21	31	12	3	10	5
	Q3	69	23	30	11	4	9	3
	Q4	73	23	34	13	3	8	3
2001	Q1	67	21	32	11	2	11	4
	Q2	69	21	33	12	3	12	4
	Q3	73	23	33	13	4	11	4
	Q4	78	21	36	16	5	8	0
2002	Q1	71	21	36	13	1	12	0
	Q2	78	23	35	19	1	11	0

Table A9 Patients waiting for first outpatient appointment following written GP referral (thousands)  
Gynaecology

Position as at the end of:		Number of GP referrals seen (000s)	Of those GP referrals seen, the number who waited (thousands)				Of those referrals not yet seen, the number waiting (thousands)	
			0 - 4 weeks	4 - 12 weeks	12 - 26 weeks	26+ weeks	12-26 weeks	26+ weeks
1995	Q1	164	69	78	16	2	11	5
	Q2	168	68	80	18	2	10	2
	Q3	173	74	80	18	2	9	1
	Q4	181	75	84	20	2	9	2
1996	Q1	172	72	82	17	2	7	1
	Q2	174	73	83	17	1	8	2
	Q3	173	74	82	16	1	8	2
	Q4	172	73	81	17	2	7	2
1997	Q1	177	75	85	15	2	9	2
	Q2	180	75	86	17	2	10	2
	Q3	175	75	81	18	2	11	4
	Q4	180	79	79	20	2	10	4
1998	Q1	175	72	82	18	2	12	3
	Q2	183	75	84	21	2	14	4
	Q3	179	74	81	22	2	14	4
	Q4	186	77	83	23	3	12	5
1999	Q1	177	72	82	21	3	14	4
	Q2	183	73	83	24	3	14	3
	Q3	182	75	80	23	3	14	3
	Q4	186	74	82	26	3	11	2
2000	Q1	181	73	83	21	3	14	2
	Q2	181	73	80	24	3	14	3
	Q3	185	77	78	26	4	14	3
	Q4	192	79	82	26	4	9	2
2001	Q1	188	75	80	20	3	14	2
	Q2	188	78	82	24	4	16	2
	Q3	187	76	80	27	4	15	2
	Q4	189	75	81	28	4	10	0
2002	Q1	183	73	84	25	1	14	0
	Q2	184	77	79	27	1	14	0

Table A10 Patients waiting for elective admission by length of wait (thousands)  
 All specialties  
 All elective admissions (overnight and day cases)

Position as at the end of:		Number waiting for elective admission by month of wait (thousands)					
		0 - 3 months	3 - 6 months	6 - 12 months	12 -18 months	18+ months	Total waiting
1995	Q1	534	272	212	32	0	1051
	Q2	543	251	216	28	0	1038
	Q3	566	258	209	21	0	1053
	Q4	577	260	204	5	0	1046
1996	Q1	558	274	213	11	0	1056
	Q2	564	258	225	15	0	1062
	Q3	578	272	234	22	0	1105
	Q4	576	293	256	31	0	1158
1997	Q1	586	286	271	46	0	1190
	Q2	578	283	280	57	1	1207
	Q3	595	299	299	67	1	1262
	Q4	606	309	314	68	0	1298
1998	Q1	591	315	309	72	0	1287
	Q2	583	283	284	64	0	1214
	Q3	584	273	260	56	0	1173
	Q4	543	250	232	47	0	1073
1999	Q1	556	260	230	49	0	1094
	Q2	551	252	230	51	0	1084
	Q3	565	257	233	52	0	1108
	Q4	524	244	220	49	0	1037
2000	Q1	517	257	222	51	0	1048
	Q2	517	240	224	51	0	1032
	Q3	525	243	218	50	0	1034
	Q4	521	240	203	42	0	1007
2001	Q1	504	265	220	46	0	1036
	Q2	508	247	233	44	0	1033
	Q3	534	254	227	32	0	1048
	Q4	530	261	219	22	0	1032
2002	Q1	524	279	230	21	0	1055
	Q2	532	263	236	17	0	1048

Table A11 Patients waiting for elective admission by length of wait (thousands)  
 Routine Surgery  
 All elective admissions (overnight and day cases)

Position as at the end of:		Number waiting for elective admission by month of wait (thousands)					
		0 - 3 months	3 - 6 months	6 - 12 months	12-18 months	18+ months	Total waiting
1995	Q1	450	240	188	29	0	907
	Q2	457	220	191	24	0	892
	Q3	476	225	183	18	0	904
	Q4	482	228	178	4	0	892
1996	Q1	463	238	185	8	0	894
	Q2	466	223	195	12	0	898
	Q3	478	236	202	19	0	935
	Q4	471	254	226	27	0	979
1997	Q1	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
	Q2	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
	Q3	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
	Q4	488	269	279	62	0	1098
1998	Q1	476	273	274	66	0	1089
	Q2	473	246	253	57	0	1028
	Q3	473	238	230	51	0	992
	Q4	444	218	207	43	0	913
1999	Q1	453	225	204	45	0	926
	Q2	449	219	203	45	0	917
	Q3	463	223	206	46	0	938
	Q4	435	213	194	43	0	885
2000	Q1	427	223	199	46	0	891
	Q2	398	208	196	44	0	876
	Q3	439	210	189	43	0	881
	Q4	438	210	179	36	0	864
2001	Q1	422	231	195	41	0	888
	Q2	428	216	206	39	0	889
	Q3	450	222	200	28	0	900
	Q4	446	229	194	20	0	890
2002	Q1	438	242	205	19	0	905
	Q2	445	227	209	16	0	896

Table A12 Patients waiting for elective admission by length of wait (thousands)  
 General Surgery  
 All elective admissions (overnight and day cases)

Position as at the end of:		Number waiting for elective admission by month of wait (thousands)					
		0 - 3 months	3 - 6 months	6 - 12 months	12-18 months	18+ months	Total waiting
1995	Q1	107	48	40	7	0	201
	Q2	113	44	38	5	0	202
	Q3	118	49	37	3	0	208
	Q4	115	51	39	0	0	206
1996	Q1	110	51	41	2	0	203
	Q2	115	47	43	3	0	207
	Q3	116	52	44	4	0	217
	Q4	115	57	52	6	0	230
1997	Q1	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
	Q2	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
	Q3	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
	Q4	116	60	62	14	0	251
1998	Q1	113	56	61	15	0	245
	Q2	115	50	52	13	0	230
	Q3	115	50	46	11	0	222
	Q4	105	46	42	9	0	200
1999	Q1	107	45	41	9	0	202
	Q2	110	44	40	9	0	203
	Q3	112	47	41	9	0	209
	Q4	101	45	40	8	0	194
2000	Q1	99	45	40	9	0	192
	Q2	101	41	38	9	0	188
	Q3	102	42	36	8	0	189
	Q4	100	43	36	7	0	185
2001	Q1	96	45	38	8	0	186
	Q2	99	43	40	7	0	189
	Q3	102	45	39	6	0	192
	Q4	97	47	39	4	0	187
2002	Q1	95	47	41	4	0	187
	Q2	99	43	40	3	0	185

Table A13 Patients waiting for elective admission by length of wait (thousands)  
Urology  
All elective admissions (overnight and day cases)

Position as at the end of:		Number waiting for elective admission by month of wait (thousands)					
		0 - 3 months	3 - 6 months	6 - 12 months	12-18 months	18+ months	Total waiting
1995	Q1	47	21	16	3	0	87
	Q2	48	18	17	3	0	86
	Q3	49	19	15	1	0	85
	Q4	50	19	14	0	0	83
1996	Q1	49	20	15	1	0	84
	Q2	48	17	15	1	0	81
	Q3	48	18	15	1	0	83
	Q4	48	19	15	2	0	85
1997	Q1	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
	Q2	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
	Q3	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
	Q4	50	19	16	4	0	89
1998	Q1	48	19	16	4	0	87
	Q2	48	16	14	3	0	81
	Q3	48	15	12	3	0	78
	Q4	44	13	10	2	0	70
1999	Q1	47	15	11	3	0	75
	Q2	46	14	11	3	0	75
	Q3	47	15	12	3	0	77
	Q4	44	15	12	3	0	73
2000	Q1	43	16	12	3	0	74
	Q2	44	14	12	3	0	75
	Q3	43	15	12	3	0	74
	Q4	43	15	11	3	0	71
2001	Q1	42	16	12	3	0	73
	Q2	42	14	12	3	0	71
	Q3	43	15	12	2	0	71
	Q4	43	15	12	1	0	71
2002	Q1	43	16	12	1	0	73
	Q2	46	15	12	1	0	73

Table A14 Patients waiting for elective admission by length of wait (thousands)  
 Orthopaedics  
 All elective admissions (overnight and day cases)

Position as at the end of:		Number waiting for elective admission by month of wait (thousands)					
		0 - 3 months	3 - 6 months	6 - 12 months	12-18 months	18+ months	Total waiting
1995	Q1	83	55	48	9	0	195
	Q2	85	52	50	7	0	194
	Q3	90	53	48	5	0	197
	Q4	92	56	47	1	0	196
1996	Q1	89	58	50	3	0	201
	Q2	90	57	54	5	0	206
	Q3	95	59	57	7	0	218
	Q4	89	62	60	10	0	220
1997	Q1	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
	Q2	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
	Q3	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
	Q4	97	68	76	19	0	261
1998	Q1	94	38	75	20	0	258
	Q2	94	63	71	19	0	248
	Q3	95	61	68	18	0	243
	Q4	91	60	63	17	0	230
1999	Q1	92	61	64	17	0	234
	Q2	93	61	65	18	0	235
	Q3	97	63	66	18	0	242
	Q4	94	61	64	18	0	237
2000	Q1	94	63	65	19	0	240
	Q2	93	61	66	19	0	239
	Q3	98	62	66	18	0	245
	Q4	98	64	63	17	0	240
2001	Q1	97	68	67	18	0	249
	Q2	100	66	71	13	0	253
	Q3	106	69	71	13	0	259
	Q4	107	72	71	9	0	259
2002	Q1	105	77	75	9	0	266
	Q2	107	74	79	8	0	267

Table A15 Patients waiting for elective admission by length of wait (thousands)  
ENT  
All elective admissions (overnight and day cases)

Position as at the end of:		Number waiting for elective admission by month of wait (thousands)					
		0 - 3 months	3 - 6 months	6 - 12 months	12-18 months	18+ months	Total waiting
1995	Q1	63	37	25	3	0	128
	Q2	56	35	28	3	0	123
	Q3	58	30	28	2	0	118
	Q4	62	29	25	1	0	117
1996	Q1	59	33	24	1	0	118
	Q2	55	29	25	1	0	111
	Q3	57	30	27	2	0	115
	Q4	60	32	31	3	0	126
1997	Q1	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
	Q2	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
	Q3	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
	Q4	60	32	37	8	0	137
1998	Q1	58	36	35	8	0	138
	Q2	54	33	33	7	0	127
	Q3	53	29	31	6	0	119
	Q4	51	27	28	6	0	111
1999	Q1	52	27	26	6	0	110
	Q2	47	26	25	6	0	103
	Q3	49	23	25	6	0	103
	Q4	50	24	22	5	0	101
2000	Q1	50	27	22	6	0	103
	Q2	47	24	23	5	0	98
	Q3	48	24	21	5	0	98
	Q4	51	25	22	5	0	102
2001	Q1	47	32	28	7	0	113
	Q2	47	28	29	6	0	110
	Q3	50	27	27	3	0	107
	Q4	53	28	25	3	0	107
2002	Q1	51	30	25	2	0	107
	Q2	48	27	25	1	0	102



Table A16 Patients waiting for elective admission by length of wait (thousands)  
Ophthalmology  
All elective admissions (overnight and day cases)

Position as at the end of:		Number waiting for elective admission by month of wait (thousands)					
		0 - 3 months	3 - 6 months	6 - 12 months	12-18 months	18+ months	Total waiting
1995	Q1	53	36	28	3	0	120
	Q2	56	31	30	3	0	120
	Q3	59	34	29	3	0	124
	Q4	61	33	27	0	0	123
1996	Q1	61	37	30	0	0	128
	Q2	64	37	33	1	0	135
	Q3	64	39	35	2	0	140
	Q4	64	41	38	4	0	146
1997	Q1	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
	Q2	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
	Q3	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
	Q4	66	45	49	10	0	169
1998	Q1	67	48	49	11	0	174
	Q2	67	44	48	10	0	168
	Q3	67	44	44	8	0	163
	Q4	66	41	37	6	0	149
1999	Q1	67	45	39	6	0	157
	Q2	68	44	41	7	0	159
	Q3	72	44	41	6	0	164
	Q4	68	42	36	6	0	152
2000	Q1	67	45	38	6	0	157
	Q2	68	43	39	6	0	156
	Q3	71	43	37	5	0	155
	Q4	71	42	32	4	0	147
2001	Q1	67	46	35	4	0	151
	Q2	67	42	38	5	0	152
	Q3	72	42	36	3	0	153
	Q4	69	42	32	2	0	145
2002	Q1	68	44	35	2	0	149
	Q2	68	42	37	2	0	149

Table A17 Patients waiting for elective admission by length of wait (thousands)  
 Oral  
 All elective admissions (overnight and day cases)

Position as at the end of:		Number waiting for elective admission by month of wait (thousands)					
		0 - 3 months	3 - 6 months	6 - 12 months	12-18 months	18+ months	Total waiting
1995	Q1	29	18	14	2	0	63
	Q2	29	16	14	2	0	60
	Q3	29	15	13	2	0	60
	Q4	30	15	12	0	0	58
1996	Q1	28	15	11	1	0	56
	Q2	28	14	13	1	0	55
	Q3	29	14	12	1	0	56
	Q4	29	16	13	2	0	59
1997	Q1	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
	Q2	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
	Q3	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
	Q4	29	15	14	3	0	57
1998	Q1	27	15	14	3	0	59
	Q2	28	13	13	3	0	56
	Q3	28	13	11	2	0	53
	Q4	24	10	9	2	0	46
1999	Q1	25	10	8	1	0	44
	Q2	24	9	7	2	0	42
	Q3	25	9	7	1	0	41
	Q4	23	8	5	1	0	38
2000	Q1	21	9	5	1	0	36
	Q2	21	7	5	1	0	35
	Q3	22	7	5	1	0	34
	Q4	22	6	4	1	0	33
2001	Q1	21	7	4	1	0	33
	Q2	20	7	4	1	0	32
	Q3	23	7	4	0	0	34
	Q4	24	7	4	0	0	35
2002	Q1	24	8	5	0	0	37
	Q2	25	8	5	0	0	38

Table A18 Patients waiting for elective admission by length of wait (thousands)  
 Gynaecology  
 All elective admissions (overnight and day cases)

Position as at the end of:		Number waiting for elective admission by month of wait (thousands)					
		0 - 3 months	3 - 6 months	6 - 12 months	12-18 months	18+ months	Total waiting
1995	Q1	69	26	15	2	0	112
	Q2	69	24	14	1	0	108
	Q3	71	24	14	0	0	111
	Q4	71	23	14	0	0	108
1996	Q1	67	24	13	0	0	104
	Q2	67	22	13	0	0	102
	Q3	68	24	13	0	0	106
	Q4	67	26	17	1	0	112
1997	Q1	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
	Q2	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
	Q3	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
	Q4	70	30	25	4	0	128
1998	Q1	68	29	23	4	0	126
	Q2	68	26	22	3	0	120
	Q3	67	25	19	3	0	116
	Q4	61	22	17	3	0	104
1999	Q1	62	22	16	3	0	103
	Q2	61	21	14	3	0	101
	Q3	61	22	16	3	0	100
	Q4	55	19	15	3	0	91
2000	Q1	55	19	13	3	0	90
	Q2	53	19	13	3	0	86
	Q3	56	17	11	3	0	87
	Q4	54	18	11	1	0	84
2001	Q1	52	18	11	1	0	84
	Q2	53	18	12	1	0	84
	Q3	55	18	12	1	0	85
	Q4	54	19	12	1	0	85
2002	Q1	53	20	12	1	0	85
	Q2	52	18	12	1	0	82

Table A19 Patients waiting for elective admission by length of wait (thousands)  
All specialties  
Overnight admissions (excludes day cases)

Position as at the end of:		Number waiting for elective admission by month of wait (thousands)					
		0 - 3 months	3 - 6 months	6 - 12 months	12 -18 months	18+ months	Total waiting
1995	Q1	258	155	135	22	0	571
	Q2	258	141	136	20	0	555
	Q3	268	144	131	15	0	557
	Q4	265	144	126	4	0	539
1996	Q1	251	146	127	8	0	532
	Q2	253	136	132	11	0	532
	Q3	257	142	136	15	0	550
	Q4	246	151	147	21	0	567
1997	Q1	249	143	152	29	0	574
	Q2	241	143	152	35	1	571
	Q3	246	144	161	41	1	593
	Q4	241	146	166	40	0	593
1998	Q1	231	146	162	42	0	581
	Q2	229	133	150	38	0	551
	Q3	231	132	143	35	0	541
	Q4	217	125	134	32	0	509
1999	Q1	218	126	131	33	0	507
	Q2	216	121	129	34	0	500
	Q3	223	125	131	35	0	514
	Q4	214	124	130	34	0	502
2000	Q1	209	126	130	36	0	502
	Q2	209	118	129	36	0	492
	Q3	215	121	127	36	0	498
	Q4	217	123	123	31	0	494
2001	Q1	209	133	132	34	0	509
	Q2	212	124	137	32	0	505
	Q3	222	128	134	23	0	507
	Q4	220	133	131	16	0	499
2002	Q1	215	136	135	15	0	500
	Q2	217	128	135	12	0	491

Table A20 Patients waiting for elective admission by length of wait (thousands)  
All routine surgery  
Overnight admissions (excludes day cases)

Position as at the end of:		Number waiting for elective admission by month of wait (thousands)					
		0 - 3 months	3 - 6 months	6 - 12 months	12 -18 months	18+ months	Total waiting
1995	Q1	226	139	121	20	0	506
	Q2	226	126	121	17	0	490
	Q3	235	127	116	13	0	491
	Q4	231	128	111	3	0	473
1996	Q1	218	129	111	6	0	464
	Q2	219	120	116	9	0	465
	Q3	223	126	119	13	0	481
	Q4	212	134	132	18	0	497
1997	Q1	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
	Q2	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
	Q3	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
	Q4	208	130	149	37	0	524
1998	Q1	199	130	145	39	0	513
	Q2	199	119	135	34	0	486
	Q3	199	117	127	32	0	476
	Q4	187	111	120	29	0	448
1999	Q1	188	110	116	30	0	444
	Q2	186	107	114	30	0	437
	Q3	192	110	115	31	0	448
	Q4	184	109	114	30	0	437
2000	Q1	180	110	118	32	0	436
	Q2	150	103	112	31	0	426
	Q3	186	105	110	31	0	431
	Q4	187	108	108	27	0	431
2001	Q1	179	117	117	30	0	443
	Q2	184	108	121	28	0	441
	Q3	192	113	117	20	0	442
	Q4	190	117	116	14	0	437
2002	Q1	185	119	120	13	0	437
	Q2	187	112	120	11	0	430

Table A21 Patients waiting for elective admission by length of wait (thousands)  
 General Surgery  
 Overnight admissions (excludes day cases)

Position as at the end of:		Number waiting for elective admission by month of wait (thousands)					
		0 - 3 months	3 - 6 months	6 - 12 months	12 -18 months	18+ months	Total waiting
1995	Q1	50	25	24	4	0	103
	Q2	53	23	22	3	0	102
	Q3	55	26	22	2	0	105
	Q4	52	27	23	0	0	103
1996	Q1	49	26	24	1	0	100
	Q2	51	23	24	2	0	101
	Q3	52	26	24	3	0	105
	Q4	50	29	29	4	0	112
1997	Q1	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
	Q2	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
	Q3	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
	Q4	48	28	31	8	0	115
1998	Q1	46	26	31	9	0	111
	Q2	47	23	27	8	0	105
	Q3	48	24	25	7	0	103
	Q4	44	23	24	6	0	96
1999	Q1	44	22	23	6	0	95
	Q2	46	21	22	6	0	95
	Q3	47	23	23	6	0	99
	Q4	44	24	24	6	0	97
2000	Q1	43	23	24	6	0	96
	Q2	44	21	23	6	0	94
	Q3	45	22	22	6	0	95
	Q4	45	23	22	5	0	95
2001	Q1	43	23	23	6	0	95
	Q2	45	22	24	5	0	96
	Q3	47	24	23	4	0	98
	Q4	45	25	24	3	0	96
2002	Q1	43	24	25	3	0	95
	Q2	45	22	23	2	0	92

Table A22 Patients waiting for elective admission by length of wait (thousands)  
 Urology  
 Overnight admissions (excludes day cases)

Position as at the end of:		Number waiting for elective admission by month of wait (thousands)					
		0 - 3 months	3 - 6 months	6 - 12 months	12-18 months	18+ months	Total waiting
1995	Q1	21	11	10	2	0	44
	Q2	21	9	10	2	0	42
	Q3	22	9	9	1	0	42
	Q4	21	9	8	0	0	39
1996	Q1	20	9	8	1	0	38
	Q2	20	8	8	1	0	37
	Q3	20	8	8	1	0	38
	Q4	19	9	8	1	0	38
1997	Q1	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
	Q2	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
	Q3	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
	Q4	19	8	8	2	0	38
1998	Q1	18	8	8	2	0	36
	Q2	19	7	7	2	0	34
	Q3	19	7	6	2	0	34
	Q4	17	6	6	1	0	31
1999	Q1	18	7	6	2	0	33
	Q2	18	6	6	2	0	33
	Q3	19	7	7	2	0	35
	Q4	19	8	7	2	0	35
2000	Q1	18	8	7	2	0	35
	Q2	19	7	7	2	0	36
	Q3	19	8	7	2	0	36
	Q4	19	8	7	2	0	35
2001	Q1	18	8	7	2	0	36
	Q2	19	7	7	2	0	35
	Q3	19	8	7	1	0	35
	Q4	19	8	7	1	0	35
2002	Q1	19	8	7	1	0	35
	Q2	20	7	7	1	0	34

Table A23 Patients waiting for elective admission by length of wait (thousands)  
 Trauma and Orthopaedics  
 Overnight admissions (excludes day cases)

Position as at the end of:		Number waiting for elective admission by month of wait (thousands)					
		0 - 3 months	3 - 6 months	6 - 12 months	12 -18 months	18+ months	Total waiting
1995	Q1	47	35	33	6	0	121
	Q2	48	33	34	5	0	120
	Q3	51	34	33	4	0	122
	Q4	52	36	32	1	0	121
1996	Q1	49	36	34	2	0	122
	Q2	51	36	36	4	0	127
	Q3	53	37	38	5	0	133
	Q4	48	38	40	7	0	132
1997	Q1	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
	Q2	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
	Q3	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
	Q4	53	41	49	13	0	157
1998	Q1	51	41	49	14	0	156
	Q2	52	39	48	14	0	153
	Q3	52	39	47	14	0	152
	Q4	50	39	45	13	0	146
1999	Q1	50	39	45	13	0	147
	Q2	51	39	46	14	0	149
	Q3	53	41	47	14	0	154
	Q4	52	40	47	14	0	154
2000	Q1	52	41	48	15	0	156
	Q2	52	40	49	16	0	156
	Q3	54	41	49	15	0	159
	Q4	55	42	47	14	0	157
2001	Q1	54	44	50	15	0	162
	Q2	56	42	52	14	0	165
	Q3	59	45	52	11	0	166
	Q4	58	47	52	8	0	165
2002	Q1	58	49	55	7	0	169
	Q2	59	47	58	6	0	171



Table A24 Patients waiting for elective admission by length of wait (thousands)  
ENT  
Overnight admissions (excludes day cases)

Position as at the end of:		Number waiting for elective admission by month of wait (thousands)					
		0 - 3 months	3 - 6 months	6 - 12 months	12-18 months	18+ months	Total waiting
1995	Q1	44	29	22	3	0	97
	Q2	41	27	24	3	0	95
	Q3	43	25	24	2	0	94
	Q4	45	24	22	1	0	91
1996	Q1	41	26	20	1	0	89
	Q2	40	23	22	1	0	86
	Q3	41	24	23	2	0	90
	Q4	42	26	27	3	0	98
1997	Q1	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
	Q2	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
	Q3	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
	Q4	41	25	31	7	0	103
1998	Q1	39	27	29	7	0	103
	Q2	37	25	27	6	0	95
	Q3	37	23	26	5	0	91
	Q4	35	22	24	5	0	85
1999	Q1	35	21	22	5	0	83
	Q2	33	20	21	5	0	79
	Q3	34	19	21	5	0	79
	Q4	34	19	19	4	0	77
2000	Q1	34	21	19	5	0	78
	Q2	33	19	19	4	0	74
	Q3	34	19	18	4	0	75
	Q4	35	21	19	4	0	79
2001	Q1	32	26	24	6	0	87
	Q2	33	22	25	5	0	85
	Q3	34	21	23	3	0	81
	Q4	35	22	21	2	0	81
2002	Q1	34	23	21	2	0	79
	Q2	33	21	21	1	0	76

Table A25 Patients waiting for elective admission by length of wait (thousands)  
 Ophthalmology  
 Overnight admissions (excludes day cases)

Position as at the end of:		Number waiting for elective admission by month of wait (thousands)					
		0 - 3 months	3 - 6 months	6 - 12 months	12 -18 months	18+ months	Total waiting
1995	Q1	23	19	17	2	0	62
	Q2	23	15	17	2	0	57
	Q3	23	15	15	2	0	55
	Q4	22	14	13	0	0	50
1996	Q1	22	15	13	0	0	50
	Q2	21	14	14	0	0	50
	Q3	20	14	14	1	0	49
	Q4	18	14	15	2	0	48
1997	Q1	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
	Q2	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
	Q3	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
	Q4	13	10	14	3	0	40
1998	Q1	13	10	12	3	0	38
	Q2	13	9	11	2	0	35
	Q3	12	9	10	2	0	33
	Q4	11	8	8	2	0	29
1999	Q1	10	8	8	2	0	28
	Q2	10	7	8	2	0	26
	Q3	10	7	7	1	0	25
	Q4	8	6	6	1	0	22
2000	Q1	8	5	6	1	0	20
	Q2	7	5	5	1	0	18
	Q3	7	4	5	1	0	17
	Q4	7	4	4	1	0	15
2001	Q1	6	4	4	1	0	15
	Q2	6	4	4	1	0	14
	Q3	6	3	3	0	0	12
	Q4	5	3	3	0	0	11
2002	Q1	5	3	3	0	0	10
	Q2	4	2	2	0	0	9

Table A26 Patients waiting for elective admission by length of wait (thousands)  
 Oral Surgery  
 Overnight admissions (excludes day cases)

Position as at the end of:		Number waiting for elective admission by month of wait (thousands)					
		0 - 3 months	3 - 6 months	6 - 12 months	12-18 months	18+ months	Total waiting
1995	Q1	10	7	6	1	0	24
	Q2	9	6	6	1	0	21
	Q3	9	5	5	1	0	21
	Q4	9	5	5	0	0	20
1996	Q1	8	5	4	1	0	18
	Q2	8	5	5	1	0	18
	Q3	8	5	5	0	0	18
	Q4	8	5	5	1	0	18
1997	Q1	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
	Q2	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
	Q3	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
	Q4	7	4	4	1	0	16
1998	Q1	6	4	4	1	0	15
	Q2	6	3	4	1	0	14
	Q3	6	3	3	1	0	13
	Q4	5	2	3	1	0	12
1999	Q1	5	2	2	0	0	10
	Q2	5	2	2	1	0	10
	Q3	5	2	2	0	0	9
	Q4	5	2	2	0	0	9
2000	Q1	4	2	2	0	0	9
	Q2	4	2	2	0	0	8
	Q3	5	2	2	0	0	8
	Q4	5	2	2	0	0	8
2001	Q1	4	2	1	0	0	8
	Q2	4	2	2	0	0	8
	Q3	5	2	1	0	0	8
	Q4	4	2	1	0	0	8
2002	Q1	4	2	2	0	0	8
	Q2	4	2	2	0	0	8

Table A27 Patients waiting for elective admission by length of wait (thousands)  
 Gynaecology  
 Overnight admissions (excludes day cases)

Position as at the end of:		Number waiting for elective admission by month of wait (thousands)					
		0 - 3 months	3 - 6 months	6 - 12 months	12 -18 months	18+ months	Total waiting
1995	Q1	31	14	9	1	0	55
	Q2	31	13	8	1	0	52
	Q3	31	13	8	0	0	53
	Q4	29	12	8	0	0	49
1996	Q1	28	12	7	0	0	47
	Q2	28	11	7	0	0	46
	Q3	29	12	7	0	0	48
	Q4	27	13	9	1	0	50
1997	Q1	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
	Q2	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
	Q3	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
	Q4	27	13	12	2	0	54
1998	Q1	26	13	11	2	0	53
	Q2	26	12	11	2	0	51
	Q3	26	12	10	2	0	51
	Q4	24	12	10	2	0	48
1999	Q1	24	11	10	2	0	47
	Q2	23	10	9	2	0	45
	Q3	24	11	9	2	0	45
	Q4	22	10	9	2	0	43
2000	Q1	22	10	8	2	0	42
	Q2	21	10	8	2	0	40
	Q3	23	9	7	2	0	41
	Q4	22	10	7	1	0	40
2001	Q1	21	10	7	1	0	40
	Q2	22	10	8	1	0	40
	Q3	23	10	8	1	0	41
	Q4	23	11	8	1	0	42
2002	Q1	22	11	8	1	0	41
	Q2	21	10	8	0	0	40

Table A28 Patients waiting for elective admission by length of wait (thousands)  
All specialties  
Day case admissions only

Position as at the end of:		Number waiting for elective admission by month of wait (thousands)					
		0 - 3 months	3 - 6 months	6 - 12 months	12 -18 months	18+ months	Total waiting
1995	Q1	276	117	77	10	0	480
	Q2	285	110	80	8	0	483
	Q3	298	114	78	6	0	496
	Q4	312	116	78	1	0	507
1996	Q1	307	128	86	3	0	524
	Q2	311	122	93	4	0	530
	Q3	321	130	98	7	0	555
	Q4	330	142	109	10	0	591
1997	Q1	337	143	119	17	0	616
	Q2	337	140	128	22	0	636
	Q3	349	155	138	26	0	669
	Q4	365	163	148	28	0	705
1998	Q1	360	169	147	30	0	706
	Q2	354	150	134	26	0	663
	Q3	353	141	117	21	0	632
	Q4	326	125	98	15	0	564
1999	Q1	338	134	99	16	0	587
	Q2	335	131	101	17	0	584
	Q3	342	132	102	17	0	594
	Q4	310	120	90	15	0	535
2000	Q1	308	131	92	15	0	546
	Q2	308	122	95	15	0	540
	Q3	310	122	91	14	0	537
	Q4	304	117	80	11	0	512
2001	Q1	295	132	88	12	0	529
	Q2	296	124	96	12	0	530
	Q3	312	126	94	9	0	542
	Q4	310	129	88	7	0	533
2002	Q1	309	143	96	6	0	555
	Q2	315	135	101	5	0	557

Table A29 Patients waiting for elective admission by length of wait (thousands)  
All Routine Surgery  
Day case admissions only

Position as at the end of:		Number waiting for elective admission by month of wait (thousands)					
		0 - 3 months	3 - 6 months	6 - 12 months	12 -18 months	18+ months	Total waiting
1995	Q1	224	101	67	9	0	401
	Q2	231	94	70	7	0	402
	Q3	241	98	67	5	0	413
	Q4	251	100	67	1	0	419
1996	Q1	245	109	74	2	0	430
	Q2	247	103	79	3	0	433
	Q3	255	110	83	6	0	454
	Q4	259	120	94	9	0	482
1997	Q1	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
	Q2	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
	Q3	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
	Q4	280	139	130	25	0	574
1998	Q1	277	143	129	27	0	576
	Q2	274	127	118	23	0	542
	Q3	274	121	103	19	0	516
	Q4	257	107	87	14	0	465
1999	Q1	265	115	88	15	0	482
	Q2	263	112	89	15	0	480
	Q3	271	113	91	15	0	490
	Q4	251	104	80	13	0	448
2000	Q1	247	113	81	14	0	455
	Q2	248	105	84	13	0	450
	Q3	253	105	79	12	0	450
	Q4	251	102	71	9	0	434
2001	Q1	243	114	78	11	0	446
	Q2	244	108	85	11	0	448
	Q3	257	109	83	8	0	458
	Q4	257	112	78	6	0	453
2002	Q1	253	123	85	6	0	467
	Q2	258	115	89	5	0	466

Table A30 Patients waiting for elective admission by length of wait (thousands)  
 General Surgery  
 Day case admissions only

Position as at the end of:		Number waiting for elective admission by month of wait (thousands)					
		0 - 3 months	3 - 6 months	6 - 12 months	12 -18 months	18+ months	Total waiting
1995	Q1	57	23	16	3	0	98
	Q2	60	21	16	2	0	100
	Q3	63	23	15	1	0	103
	Q4	63	24	16	0	0	103
1996	Q1	61	25	17	1	0	103
	Q2	64	24	19	1	0	106
	Q3	64	26	20	1	0	112
	Q4	65	28	23	2	0	118
1997	Q1	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
	Q2	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
	Q3	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
	Q4	68	32	31	6	0	136
1998	Q1	67	30	30	6	0	134
	Q2	68	27	25	5	0	125
	Q3	67	26	21	4	0	119
	Q4	61	23	18	3	0	104
1999	Q1	63	23	18	3	0	107
	Q2	64	23	18	3	0	108
	Q3	65	24	18	3	0	110
	Q4	57	21	16	2	0	97
2000	Q1	56	22	16	3	0	96
	Q2	57	20	15	3	0	94
	Q3	57	20	14	2	0	94
	Q4	55	20	14	2	0	90
2001	Q1	53	21	15	2	0	92
	Q2	54	21	16	2	0	93
	Q3	55	21	16	2	0	94
	Q4	52	21	15	1	0	90
2002	Q1	52	23	16	1	0	92
	Q2	54	21	16	1	0	92

Table A31 Patients waiting for elective admission by length of wait (thousands)  
Urology  
Day case admissions only

Position as at the end of:		Number waiting for elective admission by month of wait (thousands)					
		0 - 3 months	3 - 6 months	6 - 12 months	12 -18 months	18+ months	Total waiting
1995	Q1	26	10	6	1	0	43
	Q2	27	9	7	1	0	44
	Q3	27	10	6	0	0	43
	Q4	29	10	6	0	0	44
1996	Q1	29	11	7	0	0	46
	Q2	28	9	7	0	0	44
	Q3	28	10	7	0	0	45
	Q4	29	10	7	1	0	47
1997	Q1	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
	Q2	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
	Q3	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
	Q4	31	11	8	2	0	51
1998	Q1	30	11	8	2	0	51
	Q2	29	9	7	1	0	47
	Q3	29	8	6	1	0	44
	Q4	27	7	4	1	0	39
1999	Q1	29	8	5	1	0	42
	Q2	28	8	5	1	0	42
	Q3	28	8	5	1	0	42
	Q4	25	7	5	1	0	38
2000	Q1	25	8	5	1	0	39
	Q2	25	7	5	1	0	39
	Q3	24	7	5	1	0	38
	Q4	24	7	4	1	0	36
2001	Q1	24	8	5	1	0	37
	Q2	24	7	5	1	0	36
	Q3	24	7	4	0	0	36
	Q4	24	7	5	0	0	36
2002	Q1	25	8	5	0	0	36
	Q2	26	8	5	0	0	39



Table A32 Patients waiting for elective admission by length of wait (thousands)  
 Trauma and Orthopaedics  
 Day case admissions only

Position as at the end of:		Number waiting for elective admission by month of wait (thousands)					
		0 - 3 months	3 - 6 months	6 - 12 months	12 -18 months	18+ months	Total waiting
1995	Q1	36	20	15	3	0	74
	Q2	37	19	16	2	0	74
	Q3	39	19	15	1	0	75
	Q4	40	20	15	0	0	75
1996	Q1	40	22	16	1	0	79
	Q2	39	21	18	1	0	79
	Q3	42	22	19	2	0	85
	Q4	41	24	20	3	0	88
1997	Q1	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
	Q2	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
	Q3	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
	Q4	44	27	27	6	0	104
1998	Q1	43	27	26	6	0	102
	Q2	42	24	23	5	0	95
	Q3	43	22	21	4	0	91
	Q4	41	21	18	4	0	84
1999	Q1	42	22	19	4	0	87
	Q2	42	22	19	4	0	86
	Q3	44	22	19	4	0	88
	Q4	42	21	17	4	0	83
2000	Q1	42	22	17	4	0	84
	Q2	41	21	17	3	0	83
	Q3	44	21	17	3	0	86
	Q4	43	22	16	3	0	83
2001	Q1	43	24	17	3	0	87
	Q2	44	23	19	3	0	89
	Q3	47	24	19	2	0	93
	Q4	48	25	19	2	0	95
2002	Q1	47	28	20	2	0	97
	Q2	48	27	21	1	0	96

Table A33 Patients waiting for elective admission by length of wait (thousands)  
ENT  
Day case admissions only

Position as at the end of:		Number waiting for elective admission by month of wait (thousands)					
		0 - 3 months	3 - 6 months	6 - 12 months	12 -18 months	18+ months	Total waiting
1995	Q1	19	8	3	0	0	31
	Q2	15	8	4	0	0	28
	Q3	15	5	4	0	0	24
	Q4	17	5	3	0	0	26
1996	Q1	18	7	4	0	0	29
	Q2	15	6	3	0	0	25
	Q3	16	6	4	0	0	25
	Q4	18	6	4	0	0	28
1997	Q1	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
	Q2	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
	Q3	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
	Q4	19	7	6	1	0	34
1998	Q1	19	9	6	1	0	35
	Q2	17	8	6	1	0	32
	Q3	16	6	5	1	0	28
	Q4	16	5	4	1	0	26
1999	Q1	17	6	4	1	0	27
	Q2	14	6	4	1	0	24
	Q3	15	4	4	1	0	24
	Q4	16	5	3	1	0	24
2000	Q1	16	6	3	1	0	25
	Q2	14	5	4	1	0	24
	Q3	14	5	3	1	0	23
	Q4	16	4	3	1	0	23
2001	Q1	15	6	4	1	0	26
	Q2	14	6	4	1	0	25
	Q3	15	5	4	0	0	25
	Q4	17	6	4	0	0	27
2002	Q1	17	7	4	0	0	28
	Q2	15	6	4	0	0	26

Table A34 Patients waiting for elective admission by length of wait (thousands)  
 Ophthalmology  
 Day case admissions only

Position as at the end of:		Number waiting for elective admission by month of wait (thousands)					
		0 - 3 months	3 - 6 months	6 - 12 months	12-18 months	18+ months	Total waiting
1995	Q1	30	17	11	1	0	58
	Q2	33	16	13	1	0	63
	Q3	36	19	14	1	0	69
	Q4	39	19	14	0	0	73
1996	Q1	39	22	17	0	0	78
	Q2	43	23	19	1	0	85
	Q3	44	25	21	1	0	91
	Q4	46	27	23	2	0	98
1997	Q1	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
	Q2	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
	Q3	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
	Q4	53	35	35	7	0	129
1998	Q1	54	38	37	8	0	136
	Q2	54	35	37	8	0	133
	Q3	55	35	34	6	0	130
	Q4	55	33	29	4	0	120
1999	Q1	57	37	31	4	0	129
	Q2	58	37	33	5	0	133
	Q3	62	37	34	5	0	139
	Q4	60	36	30	5	0	130
2000	Q1	59	40	32	5	0	137
	Q2	61	38	34	5	0	138
	Q3	64	39	32	4	0	138
	Q4	64	38	28	3	0	132
2001	Q1	61	42	31	3	0	137
	Q2	61	39	34	4	0	138
	Q3	66	39	33	3	0	141
	Q4	64	39	29	2	0	134
2002	Q1	63	42	32	2	0	139
	Q2	64	40	34	2	0	140

Table A35 Patients waiting for elective admission by length of wait (thousands)  
 Oral Surgery  
 Day case admissions only

Position as at the end of:		Number waiting for elective admission by month of wait (thousands)					
		0 - 3 months	3 - 6 months	6 - 12 months	12 -18 months	18+ months	Total waiting
1995	Q1	19	11	8	1	0	39
	Q2	20	10	8	1	0	39
	Q3	20	10	8	1	0	39
	Q4	21	10	7	0	0	38
1996	Q1	20	10	7	0	0	38
	Q2	20	9	8	0	0	37
	Q3	21	9	7	1	0	38
	Q4	21	11	8	1	0	41
1997	Q1	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
	Q2	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
	Q3	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
	Q4	22	11	10	2	0	41
1998	Q1	21	11	10	2	0	44
	Q2	22	10	9	2	0	42
	Q3	22	10	8	1	0	40
	Q4	19	8	6	1	0	34
1999	Q1	20	8	6	1	0	34
	Q2	19	7	5	1	0	32
	Q3	20	7	5	1	0	32
	Q4	18	6	3	0	0	28
2000	Q1	17	6	3	0	0	27
	Q2	17	5	4	0	0	26
	Q3	17	5	3	0	0	26
	Q4	17	5	3	0	0	25
2001	Q1	16	5	3	0	0	25
	Q2	16	5	3	0	0	24
	Q3	19	5	3	0	0	26
	Q4	20	5	2	0	0	27
2002	Q1	20	7	3	0	0	29
	Q2	20	6	3	1	0	30

Table A36 Patients waiting for elective admission by length of wait (thousands)  
Gynaecology  
Day case admissions only

Position as at the end of:		Number waiting for elective admission by month of wait (thousands)					
		0 - 3 months	3 - 6 months	6 - 12 months	12 -18 months	18+ months	Total waiting
1995	Q1	38	12	6	1	0	57
	Q2	38	11	6	0	0	56
	Q3	40	11	6	0	0	58
	Q4	42	11	6	0	0	59
1996	Q1	39	12	6	0	0	57
	Q2	39	11	6	0	0	56
	Q3	39	12	6	0	0	58
	Q4	40	13	8	0	0	62
1997	Q1	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
	Q2	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
	Q3	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
	Q4	43	17	13	2	0	74
1998	Q1	42	16	12	2	0	73
	Q2	42	14	11	1	0	69
	Q3	41	13	9	1	0	65
	Q4	37	10	7	1	0	56
1999	Q1	38	11	6	1	0	56
	Q2	38	11	5	1	0	56
	Q3	37	11	7	1	0	55
	Q4	33	9	6	1	0	48
2000	Q1	33	9	5	1	0	48
	Q2	32	9	5	1	0	46
	Q3	33	8	4	1	0	46
	Q4	32	8	4	0	0	44
2001	Q1	31	8	4	0	0	44
	Q2	31	8	4	0	0	44
	Q3	32	8	4	0	0	45
	Q4	32	8	4	0	0	44
2002	Q1	31	9	4	0	0	44
	Q2	30	8	4	0	0	43

Table A37 The number waiting for admission, and additions to and deletions from the waiting list, quarterly, 1995-2001, (thousands).  
 Ordinary admissions only  
 All specialties

Year	Quarter	Number waiting at start of the quarter	Additions to the waiting list	Number of admissions	Number of removals from the list	Implied number waiting at end of quarter	Discrepancy	Actual number waiting at end of the quarter
1995	June	n/a	421	376	62	n/a	n/a	571
1995	September	571	421	385	66	541	14	555
1995	December	555	434	374	67	547	10	557
1996	March	557	440	391	73	533	6	539
1996	June	539	431	380	69	520	12	532
1996	September	532	427	382	64	514	18	532
1996	December	532	418	352	59	538	12	550
1997	March	550	397	331	58	558	8	567
1997	June	567	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	574
1997	September	574	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	572
1997	December	572	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	593
1998	March	593	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	593
1998	June	593	372	329	64	573	9	581
1998	September	581	391	358	71	543	8	551
1998	December	551	382	336	65	533	9	541
1999	March	541	373	346	72	496	12	509
1999	June	509	374	328	60	495	13	507
1999	September	507	374	335	60	487	13	500
1999	December	500	370	311	60	499	16	514
2000	March	514	371	317	71	497	6	502
2000	June	502	356	313	59	486	16	502
2000	September	502	357	320	61	478	13	492
2000	December	492	356	305	62	481	16	498
2001	March	498	362	303	72	484	11	494
2001	June	494	345	290	59	491	18	509
2001	September	509	351	308	63	489	16	505
2001	December	505	357	304	65	493	15	507
2002	March	507	359	307	71	488	11	499

Table A38 The number waiting for admission, and additions to and deletions from the waiting list, quarterly, 1995-2001, (thousands).  
Day case admissions only  
All specialties

Year	Quarter	Number waiting at start of the quarter	Additions to the waiting list	Number of admissions	Number of removals from the list	Implied number waiting at end of quarter	Discrepancy	Actual number waiting at end of the quarter
1995	June	n/a	521	458	62	n/a	n/a	480
1995	September	480	544	483	70	471	12	483
1995	December	483	569	493	70	489	7	496
1996	March	496	610	530	77	499	9	507
1996	June	507	601	521	78	509	15	524
1996	September	524	607	535	77	518	11	530
1996	December	530	615	530	74	541	14	555
1997	March	555	615	518	73	579	12	591
1997	June	591	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	616
1997	September	616	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	636
1997	December	636	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	669
1998	March	669	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	705
1998	June	705	647	565	90	696	10	706
1998	September	706	673	624	104	650	13	663
1998	December	663	672	616	97	622	10	632
1999	March	632	679	652	109	550	14	564
1999	June	564	659	575	87	562	25	587
1999	September	587	668	600	88	567	18	584
1999	December	584	666	585	89	576	17	594
2000	March	594	677	632	107	532	3	535
2000	June	535	633	557	85	525	20	546
2000	September	546	625	556	88	528	13	540
2000	December	540	616	545	87	524	12	537
2001	March	537	631	568	101	499	14	512
2001	June	512	579	498	80	513	14	528
2001	September	528	578	504	84	518	9	528
2001	December	528	599	515	81	530	11	540
2002	March	540	598	526	90	523	10	533

Table A39 The number waiting for admission, and additions to and deletions from the waiting list, quarterly, 1995-2001, (thousands).  
 All admissions  
 All specialties

Year	Quarter	Number waiting at start of the quarter	Additions to the waiting list	Number of admissions	Number of removals from the list	Implied number waiting at end of quarter	Discrepancy	Actual number waiting at end of the quarter
1995	June	n/a	942	834	124	n/a	n/a	1051
1995	September	1051	965	868	136	1012	26	1038
1995	December	1038	1003	867	137	1036	17	1053
1996	March	1053	1050	921	150	1032	15	1046
1996	June	1046	1032	901	147	1029	27	1056
1996	September	1056	1034	917	141	1032	29	1062
1996	December	1062	1033	882	133	1079	26	1105
1997	March	1105	1012	849	131	1137	20	1158
1997	June	1158	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	1190
1997	September	1190	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	1208
1997	December	1208	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	1262
1998	March	1262	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	1298
1998	June	1298	1019	894	154	1269	19	1287
1998	September	1287	1064	982	175	1193	21	1214
1998	December	1214	1054	952	162	1155	19	1173
1999	March	1173	1052	998	181	1046	26	1073
1999	June	1073	1033	903	147	1057	38	1094
1999	September	1094	1042	935	148	1054	31	1084
1999	December	1084	1036	896	149	1075	33	1108
2000	March	1108	1048	949	178	1029	9	1037
2000	June	1037	989	870	144	1011	36	1048
2000	September	1048	982	876	149	1006	26	1032
2000	December	1032	972	850	149	1005	28	1035
2001	March	1035	993	871	173	983	25	1006
2001	June	1006	924	788	139	1004	32	1037
2001	September	1037	929	812	147	1007	25	1033
2001	December	1033	956	819	146	1023	26	1047
2002	March	1047	957	833	161	1011	21	1032



Table A40 The number waiting for admission, and additions to and deletions from the waiting list, quarterly, 1995-2001, (thousands).  
Overnight admissions only  
All routine surgery

Year	Quarter	Number waiting at start of the quarter	Additions to the waiting list	Number of admissions	Number of removals from the list	Implied number waiting at end of quarter	Discrepancy	Actual number waiting at end of the quarter
1995	June	n/a	343	305	52	n/a	n/a	506
1995	September	506	341	310	56	482	8	490
1995	December	490	355	303	57	485	6	491
1996	March	491	357	317	62	469	3	473
1996	June	473	349	305	59	457	7	464
1996	September	464	344	306	53	449	16	465
1996	December	465	340	282	49	474	7	481
1997	March	481	319	262	48	490	6	497
1997	June	497	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
1997	September	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
1997	December	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
1998	March	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	524
1998	June	524	298	262	53	506	7	513
1998	September	513	312	288	60	478	9	486
1998	December	486	308	271	54	470	6	476
1999	March	476	300	279	61	437	11	448
1999	June	448	302	265	50	435	9	444
1999	September	444	302	270	51	425	12	437
1999	December	437	298	249	50	436	12	448
2000	March	448	297	253	60	433	4	437
2000	June	437	287	252	49	423	13	436
2000	September	436	288	258	50	415	11	426
2000	December	426	290	247	51	418	14	431
2001	March	431	294	243	61	422	9	431
2001	June	431	278	233	48	428	15	442
2001	September	442	284	248	53	426	16	441
2001	December	441	291	247	55	431	12	442
2002	March	442	290	246	58	428	9	437

Table A41 The number waiting for admission, and additions to and deletions from the waiting list, quarterly, 1995-2001, (thousands).  
Day case admissions only  
All routine surgery

Year	Quarter	Number waiting at start of the quarter	Additions to the waiting list	Number of admissions	Number of removals from the list	Implied number waiting at end of quarter	Discrepancy	Actual number waiting at end of the quarter
1995	June	n/a	388	338	48	n/a	n/a	401
1995	September	401	405	358	55	393	9	402
1995	December	402	422	365	56	404	8	412
1996	March	412	450	391	60	411	8	419
1996	June	419	436	377	61	417	13	430
1996	September	430	440	384	58	427	5	433
1996	December	433	445	379	57	442	12	454
1997	March	454	438	366	55	471	11	482
1997	June	482	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
1997	September	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
1997	December	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
1998	March	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	574
1998	June	574	446	385	66	569	7	576
1998	September	576	466	432	76	533	9	542
1998	December	542	467	428	72	509	7	516
1999	March	516	477	458	81	455	10	465
1999	June	465	464	402	62	464	18	482
1999	September	482	472	421	65	468	12	480
1999	December	480	475	411	66	478	12	490
2000	March	490	491	452	80	449	0	448
2000	June	448	458	402	63	442	14	456
2000	September	456	453	404	65	439	11	450
2000	December	450	456	400	66	440	10	450
2001	March	450	472	424	76	421	12	433
2001	June	433	430	371	59	434	12	446
2001	September	446	429	373	63	439	9	448
2001	December	448	445	383	61	449	8	458
2002	March	458	447	392	68	444	9	453

Table A42 The number waiting for admission, and additions to and deletions from the waiting list, quarterly, 1995-2001, (thousands).  
 All admissions  
 All routine surgery

Year	Quarter	Number waiting at start of the quarter	Additions to the waiting list	Number of admissions	Number of removals from the list	Implied number waiting at end of quarter	Discrepancy	Actual number waiting at end of the quarter
1995	June	n/a	731	643	100	n/a	n/a	907
1995	September	907	746	668	111	875	17	892
1995	December	892	777	668	113	889	14	903
1996	March	903	807	708	122	880	11	892
1996	June	892	785	682	120	874	20	894
1996	September	894	784	690	111	876	21	898
1996	December	898	785	661	106	916	19	935
1997	March	935	757	628	103	961	17	979
1997	June	979	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
1997	September	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
1997	December	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
1998	March	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	1098
1998	June	1098	744	647	119	1075	14	1089
1998	September	1089	778	720	136	1011	18	1028
1998	December	1028	775	699	126	979	13	992
1999	March	992	777	737	142	892	21	913
1999	June	913	766	667	112	899	27	926
1999	September	926	774	691	116	893	24	917
1999	December	917	773	660	116	914	24	938
2000	March	938	788	705	140	882	4	885
2000	June	885	745	654	112	865	27	892
2000	September	892	741	662	115	854	22	876
2000	December	876	746	647	117	858	24	881
2001	March	881	766	667	137	843	21	864
2001	June	864	708	604	107	862	27	888
2001	September	888	713	621	116	865	25	889
2001	December	889	736	630	116	880	20	900
2002	March	900	737	638	126	872	18	890

Table A43 The number waiting for admission, and additions to and deletions from the waiting list, quarterly, 1995-2001, (thousands).  
 Ordinary admissions only  
 General surgery

Year	Quarter	Number waiting at start of the quarter	Additions to the waiting list	Number of admissions	Number of removals from the list	Implied number waiting at end of quarter	Discrepancy	Actual number waiting at end of the quarter
1995	June	n/a	94	84	12	n/a	n/a	103
1995	September	103	97	86	13	100	1	102
1995	December	102	100	85	13	104	1	105
1996	March	105	99	88	13	103	0	103
1996	June	103	97	87	13	99	1	100
1996	September	100	96	85	13	99	2	101
1996	December	101	95	79	12	105	0	105
1997	March	105	89	74	11	109	3	112
1997	June	112	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
1997	September	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
1997	December	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
1998	March	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	115
1998	June	115	84	76	13	110	2	111
1998	September	111	90	84	14	103	2	105
1998	December	105	88	79	13	101	2	103
1999	March	103	86	80	15	95	1	96
1999	June	96	86	77	12	93	2	95
1999	September	95	89	79	12	93	2	95
1999	December	95	87	73	12	97	3	99
2000	March	99	86	74	15	96	1	97
2000	June	97	82	74	12	93	3	96
2000	September	96	84	76	12	92	2	94
2000	December	94	84	73	12	93	3	95
2001	March	95	84	73	15	93	2	95
2001	June	95	80	71	12	92	3	95
2001	September	95	83	73	13	92	4	96
2001	December	96	85	72	13	96	2	98
2002	March	98	82	72	13	94	2	96

Table A44 The number waiting for admission, and additions to and deletions from the waiting list, quarterly, 1995-2001, (thousands).  
Day cases only  
General surgery

Year	Quarter	Number waiting at start of the quarter	Additions to the waiting list	Number of admissions	Number of removals from the list	Implied number waiting at end of quarter	Discrepancy	Actual number waiting at end of the quarter
1995	June	n/a	105	93	12	n/a	n/a	98
1995	September	98	109	95	14	99	1	100
1995	December	100	114	98	14	101	2	103
1996	March	103	120	107	15	101	2	103
1996	June	103	113	101	15	101	2	103
1996	September	103	116	101	15	104	2	106
1996	December	106	116	100	14	109	3	112
1997	March	112	113	97	13	115	3	118
1997	June	118	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
1997	September	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
1997	December	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
1998	March	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	136
1998	June	136	113	99	16	134	n/a	134
1998	September	134	120	111	19	124	1	125
1998	December	125	120	109	17	118	1	119
1999	March	119	122	118	20	102	2	104
1999	June	104	118	102	15	105	2	107
1999	September	107	121	107	16	105	3	108
1999	December	108	120	103	16	108	1	110
2000	March	110	120	114	19	97	0	97
2000	June	97	112	100	16	93	3	96
2000	September	96	110	98	15	93	1	94
2000	December	94	108	96	15	91	2	94
2001	March	94	109	98	18	87	3	90
2001	June	90	99	85	13	91	1	92
2001	September	92	98	84	14	92	1	93
2001	December	93	101	87	14	93	1	93
2002	March	93	97	87	14	89	1	90

Table A45 The number waiting for admission, and additions to and deletions from the waiting list, quarterly, 1995-2001, (thousands).  
All admissions  
General surgery

Year	Quarter	Number waiting at start of the quarter	Additions to the waiting list	Number of admissions	Number of removals from the list	Implied number waiting at end of quarter	Discrepancy	Actual number waiting at end of the quarter
1995	June	n/a	199	177	24	n/a	n/a	201
1995	September	201	206	181	27	199	2	202
1995	December	202	214	183	27	205	3	208
1996	March	208	219	195	28	204	2	206
1996	June	206	210	188	28	200	3	203
1996	September	203	212	186	28	203	4	207
1996	December	207	211	179	26	214	3	217
1997	March	217	202	171	24	224	6	230
1997	June	230	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
1997	September	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
1997	December	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
1998	March	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	251
1998	June	251	197	175	29	244	2	245
1998	September	245	210	195	33	227	3	230
1998	December	230	208	188	30	219	3	222
1999	March	222	208	198	35	197	3	200
1999	June	200	204	179	27	198	4	202
1999	September	202	210	186	28	198	5	203
1999	December	203	207	176	28	205	4	209
2000	March	209	206	188	34	193	1	194
2000	June	194	194	174	28	186	6	192
2000	September	192	194	174	27	185	3	188
2000	December	188	192	169	27	184	5	189
2001	March	189	193	171	33	180	5	185
2001	June	185	179	156	25	183	4	187
2001	September	187	181	157	27	184	5	189
2001	December	189	186	159	27	189	3	191
2002	March	191	179	159	27	183	3	186

Table A46 The number waiting for admission, and additions to and deletions from the waiting list, quarterly, 1995-2001, (thousands).  
Overnight admissions only  
Urology

Year	Quarter	Number waiting at start of the quarter	Additions to the waiting list	Number of admissions	Number of removals from the list	Implied number waiting at end of quarter	Discrepancy	Actual number waiting at end of the quarter
1995	June	n/a	37	33	5	n/a	n/a	44
1995	September	44	38	36	5	41	1	42
1995	December	42	39	35	6	41	1	42
1996	March	42	40	36	6	39	0	39
1996	June	39	38	34	6	37	1	38
1996	September	38	39	35	5	36	1	37
1996	December	37	38	33	5	37	1	38
1997	March	38	35	31	5	37	1	38
1997	June	38	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
1997	September	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
1997	December	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
1998	March	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	38
1998	June	38	34	31	5	35	1	36
1998	September	36	38	35	6	34	1	34
1998	December	34	37	33	5	33	1	34
1999	March	34	36	34	6	30	1	31
1999	June	31	36	31	5	31	2	33
1999	September	33	38	33	5	32	1	33
1999	December	33	37	31	5	34	1	35
2000	March	35	37	31	6	35	0	35
2000	June	35	34	30	5	34	1	35
2000	September	35	37	32	5	35	1	36
2000	December	36	35	30	5	35	1	36
2001	March	36	36	31	6	34	1	35
2001	June	35	34	29	6	34	2	36
2001	September	36	36	32	6	34	1	35
2001	December	35	36	31	6	34	1	35
2002	March	35	36	31	6	34	1	35

Table A47 The number waiting for admission, and additions to and deletions from the waiting list, quarterly, 1995-2001, (thousands).  
Day case admissions only  
Urology

Year	Quarter	Number waiting at start of the quarter	Additions to the waiting list	Number of admissions	Number of removals from the list	Implied number waiting at end of quarter	Discrepancy	Actual number waiting at end of the quarter
1995	June	n/a	48	41	6	n/a	n/a	43
1995	September	43	51	46	6	42	2	44
1995	December	44	51	46	6	43	1	43
1996	March	43	55	49	7	42	2	45
1996	June	45	53	47	7	44	2	46
1996	September	46	54	49	7	45	0	44
1996	December	44	55	48	7	44	1	45
1997	March	45	55	47	7	46	1	47
1997	June	47	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
1997	September	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
1997	December	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
1998	March	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	51
1998	June	51	55	48	8	51	1	51
1998	September	51	59	56	9	45	1	47
1998	December	47	59	54	8	44	0	44
1999	March	44	62	57	9	39	0	39
1999	June	39	57	49	7	41	2	42
1999	September	42	61	54	7	41	1	42
1999	December	42	59	53	8	41	1	42
2000	March	42	62	58	9	38	0	38
2000	June	38	57	50	7	37	2	39
2000	September	39	58	52	8	38	1	39
2000	December	39	56	50	8	37	0	38
2001	March	38	60	54	9	35	1	36
2001	June	36	54	46	8	36	1	37
2001	September	37	56	49	8	36	0	36
2001	December	36	55	49	8	35	1	36
2002	March	36	56	49	8	36	0	36



Table A48 The number waiting for admission, and additions to and deletions from the waiting list, quarterly, 1995-2001, (thousands).  
All admissions  
Urology

Year	Quarter	Number waiting at start of the quarter	Additions to the waiting list	Number of admissions	Number of removals from the list	Implied number waiting at end of quarter	Discrepancy	Actual number waiting at end of the quarter
1995	June	n/a	85	74	11	n/a	n/a	87
1995	September	87	89	82	11	83	3	86
1995	December	86	90	81	12	84	2	85
1996	March	85	95	85	13	81	2	84
1996	June	84	91	81	13	81	3	84
1996	September	84	93	84	12	81	1	81
1996	December	81	93	81	12	81	2	83
1997	March	83	90	78	12	83	2	85
1997	June	85	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
1997	September	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
1997	December	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
1998	March	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	89
1998	June	89	89	79	13	86	2	87
1998	September	87	97	91	15	79	2	81
1998	December	81	96	87	13	77	1	78
1999	March	78	98	91	15	69	1	70
1999	June	70	93	80	12	72	4	75
1999	September	75	99	87	12	73	2	75
1999	December	75	96	84	13	75	2	77
2000	March	77	99	89	15	73	0	73
2000	June	73	91	80	12	71	3	74
2000	September	74	95	84	13	73	2	75
2000	December	75	91	80	13	72	1	74
2001	March	74	96	85	15	69	2	71
2001	June	71	88	75	14	70	3	73
2001	September	73	92	81	14	70	1	71
2001	December	71	91	80	14	69	2	71
2002	March	71	92	80	14	70	1	71

Table A49 The number waiting for admission, and additions to and deletions from the waiting list, quarterly, 1995-2001, (thousands).  
Overnight admissions only  
Orthopaedics

Year	Quarter	Number waiting at start of the quarter	Additions to the waiting list	Number of admissions	Number of removals from the list	Implied number waiting at end of quarter	Discrepancy	Actual number waiting at end of the quarter
1995	June	n/a	62	52	12	n/a	n/a	121
1995	September	121	61	52	13	117	2	120
1995	December	120	66	52	14	120	3	122
1996	March	122	66	54	15	119	1	121
1996	June	121	68	54	14	120	3	122
1996	September	122	67	55	13	121	6	127
1996	December	127	68	51	12	131	2	133
1997	March	133	61	47	13	135	-3	132
1997	June	132	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
1997	September	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
1997	December	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
1998	March	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	157
1998	June	157	62	50	14	155	1	156
1998	September	156	67	56	17	151	2	153
1998	December	153	66	53	15	150	2	152
1999	March	152	64	55	17	144	3	146
1999	June	146	65	52	14	145	2	147
1999	September	147	66	54	15	145	4	149
1999	December	149	67	50	14	151	4	155
2000	March	155	67	52	17	152	2	154
2000	June	154	66	52	15	153	3	156
2000	September	156	66	54	16	152	4	156
2000	December	156	68	52	16	155	4	159
2001	March	159	69	53	20	155	2	157
2001	June	157	66	51	15	158	5	162
2001	September	162	68	54	17	160	5	164
2001	December	164	71	54	18	163	3	166
2002	March	166	73	55	20	163	1	164

Table A50 The number waiting for admission, and additions to and deletions from the waiting list, quarterly, 1995-2001, (thousands).  
Day case admissions only  
Orthopaedics

Year	Quarter	Number waiting at start of the quarter	Additions to the waiting list	Number of admissions	Number of removals from the list	Implied number waiting at end of quarter	Discrepancy	Actual number waiting at end of the quarter
1995	June	n/a	51	43	8	n/a	n/a	74
1995	September	74	51	44	9	72	2	74
1995	December	74	54	45	10	73	2	75
1996	March	75	57	47	11	73	2	75
1996	June	75	56	46	9	75	3	79
1996	September	79	55	47	10	77	2	79
1996	December	79	58	45	9	83	2	85
1997	March	85	55	44	9	87	1	88
1997	June	88	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
1997	September	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
1997	December	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
1998	March	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	104
1998	June	104	56	47	11	101	1	102
1998	September	102	59	53	13	94	1	95
1998	December	95	60	52	12	90	1	91
1999	March	91	60	56	13	82	2	84
1999	June	84	59	49	10	84	3	87
1999	September	87	60	52	10	85	2	86
1999	December	86	61	50	11	87	2	88
2000	March	88	63	55	13	83	0	83
2000	June	83	60	51	10	82	2	84
2000	September	84	60	52	11	81	2	83
2000	December	83	63	52	11	83	3	86
2001	March	86	64	55	13	81	2	83
2001	June	83	61	50	10	85	2	87
2001	September	87	61	50	11	86	2	89
2001	December	89	65	51	11	90	2	92
2002	March	92	66	54	13	91	4	95

Table A51 The number waiting for admission, and additions to and deletions from the waiting list, quarterly, 1995-2001, (thousands).  
All admissions only  
Orthopaedics

Year	Quarter	Number waiting at start of the quarter	Additions to the waiting list	Number of admissions	Number of removals from the list	Implied number waiting at end of quarter	Discrepancy	Actual number waiting at end of the quarter
1995	June	n/a	113	95	20	n/a	n/a	195
1995	September	195	112	96	22	189	4	194
1995	December	194	120	97	24	193	5	197
1996	March	197	123	101	26	192	3	196
1996	June	196	124	100	23	195	6	201
1996	September	201	122	102	23	198	8	206
1996	December	206	126	96	21	214	4	218
1997	March	218	116	91	22	222	-2	220
1997	June	220	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
1997	September	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
1997	December	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
1998	March	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	261
1998	June	261	118	97	25	256	2	258
1998	September	258	126	109	30	245	3	248
1998	December	248	126	105	27	240	3	243
1999	March	243	124	111	30	226	5	230
1999	June	230	124	101	24	229	5	234
1999	September	234	126	106	25	230	6	235
1999	December	235	128	100	25	238	6	243
2000	March	243	130	107	30	235	2	237
2000	June	237	126	103	25	235	5	240
2000	September	240	126	106	27	233	6	239
2000	December	239	131	104	27	238	7	245
2001	March	245	133	108	33	236	4	240
2001	June	240	127	101	25	243	7	249
2001	September	249	129	104	28	246	7	253
2001	December	253	136	105	29	253	5	258
2002	March	258	139	109	33	254	5	259

Table A52 The number waiting for admission, and additions to and deletions from the waiting list, quarterly, 1995-2001, (thousands).  
Overnight admissions only  
ENT

Year	Quarter	Number waiting at start of the quarter	Additions to the waiting list	Number of admissions	Number of removals from the list	Implied number waiting at end of quarter	Discrepancy	Actual number waiting at end of the quarter
1995	June	n/a	55	48	8	n/a	n/a	97
1995	September	97	52	48	9	93	3	95
1995	December	95	55	47	9	94	0	94
1996	March	94	58	51	11	90	1	91
1996	June	91	55	47	10	89	1	89
1996	September	89	52	49	9	83	3	86
1996	December	86	52	44	8	86	3	90
1997	March	90	53	41	7	94	5	98
1997	June	98	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
1997	September	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
1997	December	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
1998	March	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	103
1998	June	103	48	41	9	101	2	103
1998	September	103	48	47	11	93	2	95
1998	December	95	48	43	10	90	1	91
1999	March	91	47	45	11	82	3	85
1999	June	85	48	41	9	82	1	83
1999	September	83	45	42	9	77	3	79
1999	December	79	45	39	8	78	2	79
2000	March	79	48	40	10	77	0	77
2000	June	77	45	39	8	75	2	78
2000	September	78	45	42	8	73	2	74
2000	December	74	45	39	9	72	3	75
2001	March	75	47	34	9	79	1	79
2001	June	79	43	31	7	85	3	87
2001	September	87	43	39	9	82	2	84
2001	December	84	44	40	9	79	2	81
2002	March	81	46	39	10	78	2	81

Table A53 The number waiting for admission, and additions to and deletions from the waiting list, quarterly, 1995-2001, (thousands).  
Day case admissions only  
ENT

Year	Quarter	Number waiting at start of the quarter	Additions to the waiting list	Number of admissions	Number of removals from the list	Implied number waiting at end of quarter	Discrepancy	Actual number waiting at end of the quarter
1995	June	n/a	30	26	3	n/a	n/a	31
1995	September	31	27	27	4	27	1	28
1995	December	28	29	28	4	24	0	24
1996	March	24	32	28	4	25	1	26
1996	June	26	30	27	4	26	3	29
1996	September	29	27	27	4	26	-1	25
1996	December	25	28	26	3	24	2	25
1997	March	25	30	24	3	28	0	28
1997	June	28	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
1997	September	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
1997	December	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
1998	March	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	34
1998	June	34	30	27	4	34	2	35
1998	September	35	30	30	5	31	1	32
1998	December	32	29	29	4	28	0	28
1999	March	28	31	30	4	25	1	26
1999	June	26	30	28	4	25	2	27
1999	September	27	27	27	4	23	0	24
1999	December	24	29	26	4	23	1	24
2000	March	24	32	28	4	23	1	24
2000	June	24	29	26	3	24	1	25
2000	September	25	27	26	4	23	1	24
2000	December	24	27	26	4	22	1	23
2001	March	23	32	28	4	23	0	23
2001	June	23	29	25	3	24	1	26
2001	September	26	26	24	4	24	1	25
2001	December	25	29	25	3	25	0	25
2002	March	25	30	25	4	26	1	27

Table A54 The number waiting for admission, and additions to and deletions from the waiting list, quarterly, 1995-2001, (thousands).  
All admissions  
ENT

Year	Quarter	Number waiting at start of the quarter	Additions to the waiting list	Number of admissions	Number of removals from the list	Implied number waiting at end of quarter	Discrepancy	Actual number waiting at end of the quarter
1995	June	n/a	85	74	11	n/a	n/a	128
1995	September	128	79	75	13	120	4	123
1995	December	123	84	75	13	118	0	118
1996	March	118	90	79	15	115	2	117
1996	June	117	85	74	14	115	4	118
1996	September	118	79	76	13	109	2	111
1996	December	111	80	70	11	110	5	115
1997	March	115	83	65	10	122	5	126
1997	June	126	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
1997	September	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
1997	December	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
1998	March	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	137
1998	June	137	78	68	13	135	4	138
1998	September	138	78	77	16	124	3	127
1998	December	127	77	72	14	118	1	119
1999	March	119	78	75	15	107	4	111
1999	June	111	78	69	13	107	3	110
1999	September	110	72	69	13	100	3	103
1999	December	103	74	65	12	101	3	103
2000	March	103	80	68	14	100	1	101
2000	June	101	74	65	11	99	3	103
2000	September	103	72	68	12	96	3	98
2000	December	98	72	65	13	94	4	98
2001	March	98	79	62	13	102	1	102
2001	June	102	72	56	10	109	4	113
2001	September	113	69	63	13	106	3	109
2001	December	109	73	65	12	104	2	106
2002	March	106	76	64	14	104	3	108

Table A55 The number waiting for admission, and additions to and deletions from the waiting list, quarterly, 1995-2001, (thousands).  
Overnight admissions only  
Ophthalmology

Year	Quarter	Number waiting at start of the quarter	Additions to the waiting list	Number of admissions	Number of removals from the list	Implied number waiting at end of quarter	Discrepancy	Actual number waiting at end of the quarter
1995	June	n/a	31	29	6	n/a	n/a	62
1995	September	62	30	29	6	57	0	57
1995	December	57	32	27	7	55	0	55
1996	March	55	31	29	7	50	0	50
1996	June	50	31	25	6	49	1	50
1996	September	50	29	25	5	48	2	50
1996	December	50	28	23	5	50	-1	49
1997	March	49	25	22	5	48	n/a	48
1997	June	48	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
1997	September	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
1997	December	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
1998	March	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	40
1998	June	40	18	16	4	38	0	38
1998	September	38	19	18	4	35	0	35
1998	December	35	18	16	3	33	0	33
1999	March	33	17	17	4	29	0	29
1999	June	29	16	15	3	27	1	28
1999	September	28	15	15	3	26	1	26
1999	December	26	15	13	4	24	0	25
2000	March	25	13	13	3	22	0	22
2000	June	22	12	13	3	19	1	20
2000	September	20	12	12	2	17	1	18
2000	December	18	12	11	2	16	1	17
2001	March	17	11	11	3	14	1	15
2001	June	15	10	10	2	14	1	15
2001	September	15	10	10	2	12	1	14
2001	December	14	10	9	2	12	1	12
2002	March	12	9	9	2	10	1	11



Table A56 The number waiting for admission, and additions to and deletions from the waiting list, quarterly, 1995-2001, (thousands).  
Day case admissions only  
Ophthalmology

Year	Quarter	Number waiting at start of the quarter	Additions to the waiting list	Number of admissions	Number of removals from the list	Implied number waiting at end of quarter	Discrepancy	Actual number waiting at end of the quarter
1995	June	n/a	45	36	6	n/a	n/a	58
1995	September	58	51	41	7	62	1	63
1995	December	63	56	44	7	68	1	69
1996	March	69	60	48	9	72	1	73
1996	June	73	62	47	11	78	0	78
1996	September	78	64	51	8	84	1	85
1996	December	85	64	52	8	89	2	91
1997	March	91	65	52	9	95	4	98
1997	June	98	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
1997	September	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
1997	December	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
1998	March	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	129
1998	June	129	70	58	11	130	6	136
1998	September	136	73	67	12	130	3	133
1998	December	133	75	69	12	127	2	129
1999	March	129	79	76	15	118	2	120
1999	June	120	78	64	11	124	5	129
1999	September	129	80	68	12	129	3	133
1999	December	133	85	70	13	135	4	139
2000	March	139	88	81	16	131	-1	130
2000	June	130	85	70	12	133	4	137
2000	September	137	87	76	13	135	3	138
2000	December	138	90	77	14	137	1	138
2001	March	138	91	84	16	129	3	132
2001	June	132	84	72	11	133	4	137
2001	September	137	84	73	13	134	4	138
2001	December	138	90	77	13	138	2	140
2002	March	140	89	82	15	132	1	134

Table A57 The number waiting for admission, and additions to and deletions from the waiting list, quarterly, 1995-2001, (thousands).  
All admissions  
Ophthalmology

Year	Quarter	Number waiting at start of the quarter	Additions to the waiting list	Number of admissions	Number of removals from the list	Implied number waiting at end of quarter	Discrepancy	Actual number waiting at end of the quarter
1995	June	n/a	76	65	12	n/a	n/a	120
1995	September	120	81	70	13	119	1	120
1995	December	120	88	71	14	123	1	124
1996	March	124	91	77	16	122	1	123
1996	June	123	93	72	17	127	1	128
1996	September	128	93	76	13	132	3	135
1996	December	135	92	75	13	139	1	140
1997	March	140	90	74	14	143	4	146
1997	June	146	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
1997	September	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
1997	December	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
1998	March	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	169
1998	June	169	88	74	15	168	6	174
1998	September	174	92	85	16	165	3	168
1998	December	168	93	85	15	160	2	162
1999	March	162	96	93	19	147	2	149
1999	June	149	94	79	14	151	6	157
1999	September	157	95	83	15	155	4	159
1999	December	159	100	83	17	159	4	164
2000	March	164	101	94	19	153	-1	152
2000	June	152	97	83	15	152	5	157
2000	September	157	99	88	15	152	4	156
2000	December	156	102	88	16	153	2	155
2001	March	155	102	95	19	143	4	147
2001	June	147	94	82	13	147	5	152
2001	September	152	94	83	15	146	5	152
2001	December	152	100	86	15	150	3	152
2002	March	152	98	91	17	142	2	145

Table A58 The number waiting for admission, and additions to and deletions from the waiting list, quarterly, 1995-2001, (thousands).  
Overnight admissions only  
Oral surgery

Year	Quarter	Number waiting at start of the quarter	Additions to the waiting list	Number of admissions	Number of removals from the list	Implied number waiting at end of quarter	Discrepancy	Actual number waiting at end of the quarter
1995	June	n/a	13	12	2	n/a	n/a	24
1995	September	24	13	12	3	22	0	21
1995	December	21	13	11	2	20	0	21
1996	March	21	13	12	3	19	0	20
1996	June	20	13	11	2	19	-1	18
1996	September	18	12	11	2	17	1	18
1996	December	18	12	10	2	17	1	18
1997	March	18	11	9	2	18	n/a	18
1997	June	18	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
1997	September	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
1997	December	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
1998	March	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	16
1998	June	16	9	8	2	15	n/a	16
1998	September	16	9	9	2	13	1	14
1998	December	14	9	8	2	12	0	13
1999	March	13	9	9	2	11	0	12
1999	June	12	9	8	2	10	0	11
1999	September	11	8	8	1	9	1	10
1999	December	10	8	8	1	9	1	10
2000	March	10	8	7	2	9	0	9
2000	June	9	8	7	1	8	1	9
2000	September	9	7	7	1	8	1	9
2000	December	9	7	7	1	8	1	8
2001	March	8	8	7	2	8	1	8
2001	June	8	8	7	1	8	1	8
2001	September	8	8	7	1	7	0	8
2001	December	8	8	7	1	7	1	8
2002	March	8	8	7	1	7	1	8

Table A59 The number waiting for admission, and additions to and deletions from the waiting list, quarterly, 1995-2001, (thousands).  
Day case admissions only  
Oral surgery

Year	Quarter	Number waiting at start of the quarter	Additions to the waiting list	Number of admissions	Number of removals from the list	Implied number waiting at end of quarter	Discrepancy	Actual number waiting at end of the quarter
1995	June	n/a	29	25	4	n/a	n/a	39
1995	September	39	31	27	5	38	1	39
1995	December	39	31	26	4	39	-1	39
1996	March	39	34	30	5	38	0	38
1996	June	38	33	29	5	37	1	38
1996	September	38	34	30	5	37	0	37
1996	December	37	33	28	4	39	0	38
1997	March	38	32	27	4	39	2	41
1997	June	41	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
1997	September	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
1997	December	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
1998	March	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	45
1998	June	45	33	29	5	44	1	44
1998	September	44	35	32	6	42	1	42
1998	December	42	34	31	6	39	1	40
1999	March	40	35	35	7	33	1	34
1999	June	34	34	31	5	32	2	34
1999	September	34	34	32	5	30	1	32
1999	December	32	34	30	5	30	2	32
2000	March	32	36	34	6	28	0	28
2000	June	28	32	29	4	27	0	27
2000	September	27	32	30	5	25	1	26
2000	December	26	32	28	4	25	0	26
2001	March	26	34	31	5	24	1	25
2001	June	25	31	27	4	24	1	25
2001	September	25	31	28	4	24	0	24
2001	December	24	34	29	4	25	1	26
2002	March	26	36	31	4	27	0	27

Table A60 The number waiting for admission, and additions to and deletions from the waiting list, quarterly, 1995-2001, (thousands).  
All admissions only  
Oral surgery

Year	Quarter	Number waiting at start of the quarter	Additions to the waiting list	Number of admissions	Number of removals from the list	Implied number waiting at end of quarter	Discrepancy	Actual number waiting at end of the quarter
1995	June	n/a	42	37	6	n/a	n/a	63
1995	September	63	44	39	8	60	1	60
1995	December	60	44	37	6	59	-1	60
1996	March	60	47	42	8	57	0	58
1996	June	58	46	40	7	56	0	56
1996	September	56	46	41	7	54	1	55
1996	December	55	45	38	6	56	1	56
1997	March	56	43	36	6	57	2	59
1997	June	59	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
1997	September	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
1997	December	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
1998	March	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	61
1998	June	61	42	37	7	59	1	60
1998	September	60	44	41	8	55	2	56
1998	December	56	43	39	8	51	1	53
1999	March	53	44	44	9	44	1	46
1999	June	46	43	39	7	42	2	45
1999	September	45	42	40	6	39	2	42
1999	December	42	42	38	6	39	3	42
2000	March	42	44	41	8	37	0	37
2000	June	37	40	36	5	35	1	36
2000	September	36	39	37	6	33	2	35
2000	December	35	39	35	5	33	1	34
2001	March	34	42	38	7	32	2	33
2001	June	33	39	34	5	32	2	33
2001	September	33	39	35	5	31	0	32
2001	December	32	42	36	5	32	2	34
2002	March	34	44	38	5	34	1	35

Table A61 The number waiting for admission, and additions to and deletions from the waiting list, quarterly, 1995-2001, (thousands).  
Overnight admissions only  
Gynaecology

Year	Quarter	Number waiting at start of the quarter	Additions to the waiting list	Number of admissions	Number of removals from the list	Implied number waiting at end of quarter	Discrepancy	Actual number waiting at end of the quarter
1995	June	n/a	51	47	6	n/a	n/a	55
1995	September	55	50	47	7	51	1	52
1995	December	52	51	46	6	51	2	53
1996	March	53	50	46	7	49	0	49
1996	June	49	49	46	7	46	1	47
1996	September	47	49	46	6	44	2	46
1996	December	46	48	41	5	47	1	48
1997	March	48	45	38	5	50	1	50
1997	June	50	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
1997	September	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
1997	December	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
1998	March	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	54
1998	June	54	43	39	6	52	1	53
1998	September	53	43	41	6	49	1	51
1998	December	51	43	39	5	50	1	51
1999	March	51	42	40	6	46	3	48
1999	June	48	42	40	5	46	2	47
1999	September	47	41	39	6	44	1	45
1999	December	45	39	35	5	43	2	45
2000	March	45	39	36	7	42	1	43
2000	June	43	38	36	5	40	2	42
2000	September	42	38	35	5	39	2	40
2000	December	40	39	35	5	39	2	41
2001	March	41	38	35	6	39	1	40
2001	June	40	37	34	5	38	1	40
2001	September	40	37	34	5	38	2	40
2001	December	40	38	34	5	39	2	41
2002	March	41	38	33	6	40	1	42

Table A62 The number waiting for admission, and additions to and deletions from the waiting list, quarterly, 1995-2001, (thousands).  
Day case admissions only  
Gynaecology

Year	Quarter	Number waiting at start of the quarter	Additions to the waiting list	Number of admissions	Number of removals from the list	Implied number waiting at end of quarter	Discrepancy	Actual number waiting at end of the quarter
1995	June	n/a	81	74	9	n/a	n/a	57
1995	September	57	84	77	10	54	1	56
1995	December	56	87	78	10	55	2	58
1996	March	58	93	82	10	59	0	59
1996	June	59	89	81	11	56	2	57
1996	September	57	89	81	11	55	1	56
1996	December	56	89	80	10	56	2	58
1997	March	58	88	76	9	61	1	62
1997	June	62	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
1997	September	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
1997	December	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
1998	March	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	74
1998	June	74	89	76	11	75	-3	73
1998	September	73	91	83	13	68	1	69
1998	December	69	89	82	12	64	1	65
1999	March	65	90	87	13	55	1	56
1999	June	56	88	79	11	54	2	56
1999	September	56	90	81	11	55	1	56
1999	December	56	86	78	11	54	2	55
2000	March	55	89	82	13	49	0	49
2000	June	49	83	74	10	47	1	48
2000	September	48	78	71	10	45	1	46
2000	December	46	79	72	10	44	2	46
2001	March	46	81	74	11	41	2	44
2001	June	44	73	65	9	42	2	44
2001	September	44	74	65	9	42	1	44
2001	December	44	73	65	8	43	1	44
2002	March	44	72	65	10	43	1	44

Table A63 The number waiting for admission, and additions to and deletions from the waiting list, quarterly, 1995-2001, (thousands).  
All admissions  
Gynaecology

Year	Quarter	Number waiting at start of the quarter	Additions to the waiting list	Number of admissions	Number of removals from the list	Implied number waiting at end of quarter	Discrepancy	Actual number waiting at end of the quarter
1995	June	n/a	132	121	15	n/a	n/a	112
1995	September	112	134	124	17	105	2	108
1995	December	108	138	124	16	106	4	111
1996	March	111	143	128	17	108	0	108
1996	June	108	138	127	18	102	3	104
1996	September	104	138	127	17	99	3	102
1996	December	102	137	121	15	103	3	106
1997	March	106	133	114	14	111	2	112
1997	June	112	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
1997	September	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
1997	December	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
1998	March	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	128
1998	June	128	132	115	17	127	-2	126
1998	September	126	134	124	19	117	2	120
1998	December	120	132	121	17	114	2	116
1999	March	116	132	127	19	101	4	104
1999	June	104	130	119	16	100	4	103
1999	September	103	131	120	17	99	2	101
1999	December	101	125	113	16	97	4	100
2000	March	100	128	118	20	91	1	92
2000	June	92	121	110	15	87	3	90
2000	September	90	116	106	15	84	3	86
2000	December	86	118	107	15	83	4	87
2001	March	87	119	109	17	80	3	84
2001	June	84	110	99	14	80	3	84
2001	September	84	111	99	14	80	3	84
2001	December	84	111	99	13	82	3	85
2002	March	85	110	98	16	83	2	86



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**APPENDIX 2**

**INTERVIEWS WITH NHS TRUST STAFF**

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## **WAITING TIMES FOR ELECTIVE SURGERY: A HOSPITAL-BASED APPROACH**

### **INTERVIEWS WITH NHS TRUST STAFF**

#### **Introduction**

To ensure that this study properly reflects the experience of those working in the NHS, we selected a small number of hospitals to interview about the factors determining local waiting times. These visits involved semi-structured interviews with a number of staff who had in-depth knowledge of local waiting times, activity levels, and referral rates. The sort of staff interviewed included:

- the director of performance or business manager with responsibility for waiting times
- the finance director or business manager with responsibility for the financial aspects of waiting time management
- a clinical director or other consultant who has direct surgical experience
- a member of the IT team with responsibility monitoring waiting times, activity levels, and referral rates.

Three Trusts were visited in mid-2002 with a mixture of short, medium, and long waiting times. These Trusts also recorded a variety of performance ratings in the September 2001 assessment:

- Trust A: a two star large acute Trust outside London
- Trust B: a three star very large acute Trust outside London
- Trust C: a no star very large acute Trust in London

#### **Interviews**

Each interview was based on a semi-structured questionnaire. The first part of the questionnaire focussed on recent outpatient trends including:

- the number of referrals received
- the number of outpatients seen
- the number of referrals seen having waited
  - less than 13 weeks
  - between 13 and 26 weeks
  - more than 26 weeks

and relevant quarterly data for each Trust were downloaded from the DoH website and taken along

to each interview.

The second part of the questionnaire focussed on recent inpatient trends including:

- the number of decisions to admit
- the number of admissions
- the number of patients waiting for admission
- the number of patients waiting
  - less than 6 months
  - between 6 and 12 months
  - between 12 and 15 months
  - over 15 months.

Again, relevant quarterly data for each Trust were downloaded from the DoH website and taken along to each interview.

The third part of the questionnaire comprised other topics for discussion including recent trends in:

- budgets
- bed numbers and allocation between specialties
- bed occupancy rates
- delayed discharge
- theatre sessions
- medical staffing levels
- non-medical staffing levels
- emergency admissions
- day cases
- use of private sector

Also discussed were recent local initiatives on:

- waiting lists/times (e.g., special funds for waiting times, validation of lists)
- referral rates
- activity rates

and the use of incentives to manage, for example, referral and/or activity rates.

Not all topics were covered at each interview.

## **Findings**

A considerable amount of interview time focussed on recent trends in the inpatient and outpatient data for each Trust. Rather than repeat the minutiae of this discussion, below are listed some of the points that came out of the interviews and which might well apply to other Trusts.

## Budgets

The national formula for the distribution of the bulk of the annual NHS budget assumes that all areas start from the same position whereas, in fact, some areas start from a much more advantageous position than others.

Current activity levels will also affect the marginal cost of additional activity. Thus the extra cost of a 5% increase in activity will depend on the baseline level of activity. It will cost less to increase activity from 94% to 99% than to increase it from 99% to 104%.

## Bed occupancy rates and delayed discharge

Trusts A and B had much lower occupancy rates than Trust C whose bed occupancy rate was over 95%. Not surprisingly, one respondent from Trust C noted that problems can occur if admissions are delayed even only slightly. Departures delayed from the morning to afternoon can delay admissions and the start of the afternoon list. This will have knock-on effects. With a very high bed occupancy rate Trust C was also vulnerable to any increase in emergency admissions.

Trust A did not have a problem with bed blocking. Capacity was adequate to cope with demand. Similarly, Trust B had a much lower bed occupancy rate than Trust C and had the capability to open extra wards if need be (e.g. following a sudden surge in emergency admissions in winter). Trust B had also been able to reach agreement with local PCTs and social services with regard to minimising the problem of bed blocking (e.g., PCTs have appropriate decanting facilities, and community nurses whose role is to assess patients and re-locate them as soon as it is medically appropriate for them to leave hospital).

Two respondents felt that local authorities had a financial incentive to delay the discharge of elderly patients and one respondent from Trust C felt that social service assessments were deliberately slow.

## Constraints on activity levels (theatre time/staff/beds)

Different Trusts identified different factors as being the binding constraint on activity. At one site theatre space was deemed the binding constraint. The Trust was also forecasting its likely activity levels to meet future waiting time targets and, because of recruitment difficulties in some specialties, was seeking to make early appointments with a view to getting in first before the competition.

At Trust A the recruitment of nursing staff was not a problem. Attracting consultants to the area was more problematic probably because of the lack of private work. Capacity was good relative to demand although there were the usual problems with recruiting some support staff (e.g. radiographers). Theatre space was probably the most immediate constraint on activity.

At Trust B theatre space was also probably the most immediate constraint on activity.

At Trust C there was no difficulty recruiting consultants (there were six private hospitals within 10 miles of the site). There were, however, considerable difficulties recruiting support staff including nurses, occupational therapists, physiotherapists, and radiographers. There was also a shortage of beds, and a lack of theatre space at one site. Any expansion of outpatient activity was hampered by a lack of physical space.

### Day cases

GPs are now doing many more minor procedures. This makes the day case target - that 75% of elective admissions should be day cases - difficult to meet.

### Use of the private sector

There is little private sector activity close to Trust A which has sufficient capacity internally to meet demand. Occasionally, additional activity will be undertaken in-house at weekends and the Trust has even undertaken NHS work for other Trusts. Trust B has employed the private sector as a way of getting extra capacity, particularly theatre capacity, to hit waiting time targets.

### Waiting times initiatives

One consultant thought that temporary, one-off initiatives were a poor way to proceed as lists/times typically lengthened once the initiative ceased. What was required was a permanent increase in activity to sustain a permanent reduction.

Trust C had employed various initiatives to reduce waiting times including Saturday morning theatre sessions, and some private sector activity.  
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Trust B had asked GPs to refer patients to a particular specialty and not a specific consultant so that waiting lists would be equalised across consultants. But, as a respondent at Trust C pointed out, generic referrals are unpopular with both GPs and consultants. GPs like referring to someone they know and consultants like specific referrals because of the potential for private practice.

One respondent argued that a major problem with outpatient waiting lists is that far fewer resources are devoted to their management than are devoted to the inpatient lists. However, as the targets for outpatients become more demanding so these lists will need more management. Such lists are inherently more variable than inpatient lists and the quality of referrals is also very variable. In addition, there is a need to establish an urgency profile for each specialty agreeing with PCTs what percentage of referrals are to be seen within 4, 8, and 12 weeks.

There is some evidence that the degree to which consultants are aware of their own waiting lists varies from Trust to Trust and that the degree to which consultants respond to long lists also varies from one consultant to another.

Most respondents thought that waiting time targets were a 'good thing' as they focussed attention on a difficult problem although one or two people expressed concern that they distorted clinical priorities and there was some concern that such targets made it more likely that patients would be discharged too quickly.

A number of respondents also noted the problem of the 'hidden' waiting list: that is, the relatively large number of patients awaiting procedures, often purely diagnostic such as an endoscopy, who are not covered by any of the current waiting time guarantees.



## Referral rates

Two respondents noted that there were good reasons why outpatient referrals were rising. First, the development of diagnostic centres with GP specialists means that GPs are finding conditions that would not previously have been found or would have been found later. Second, the implementation of Health Action Zones and the establishment of National Service Frameworks means that GPs are detecting previously undiagnosed cases (e.g., of diabetes) and this will increase referral rates.

None of the three Trusts had imposed any caps on referrals but one PCT had established a committee vetting all GP outpatient referrals.

One respondent thought that the rapid growth in non-GP referrals was quite plausible and attributable to the recent growth of various sub-specialties. With the growth of these sub-specialties there is likely to be an increasing tendency for GPs not to refer to the appropriate consultant. Hence the growth in cross-consultant referrals.

Another respondent noted how the appointment of additional consultants, with new specialisms not currently available at a Trust, can trigger an apparent surge in demand from local GPs as referrals now come to the local hospital rather than being directed to the larger, more distant Trust.

## Activity rates

One respondent noted that the recent decline in activity rates was quite plausible particularly with the reduction in junior doctors' hours and the tendency to more medical and less invasive treatments. Another respondent also offered various reasons for the surge in activity in the final quarter: many targets refer to the year end; there are few bank holidays and typically few staff holidays in this quarter; and PCTs tend to rush through patients in this quarter to ensure that budgets are spent.

As is noted in the main body of the report, the referral, activity, and waiting time data culled from the Trust returns to the DoH required a substantial manual clean during which manifest errors were identified and deleted. The Trust visits enabled us to query sudden jumps or falls in referrals or activity that seemed improbably large. In one instance, an apparent fall in activity was attributed to the resolution of difficulties associated with the operation of two initially incompatible management systems following the merger of two Trusts. In another case, an apparent fall in activity in general surgery was attributed to the appointment of a second consultant in urology. Data protection rules prohibit the disclosure of data that could be attached to a particular consultant. With a single urology consultant all urological activity was included under general surgery but, with the appointment of a second consultant, urology could be taken out of general surgery and reported separately.

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