



Northern Health  
and Social Care Trust



# Waiting Times Summary Report

## December 2017

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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 specialty.

### Summary Positions

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

As at 31<sup>st</sup> December 2017 there were;

- 2275 NHSCT patients waiting over 13 weeks (Inpatient / Day Case)
- 362 NHSCT patients waiting over 52 weeks
- 51% NHSCT patients were waiting within 13 weeks

**Table 1(a): IP/DC Core Patients by Weeks Waiting at 31/12/2017 (exc. Endoscopy)**

DAYCASES	WEEKS																										Total > 13 wks	Longest Wait	Total Waits	% < 13 wks										
	>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		
CARDIOLOGY (C)			2	1																														3	15	158	98%			
DENT LEARN DIS/SPEC NEEDS (C)		4				1		3	1	2	1	3		1			1		2			1			1									21	36	58	64%			
DENTAL CHILDRENS (C)	4	8	6	2	9	3	4	5	9	7	6	5		4	3	1					1	3											80	33	244	67%				
EAR, NOSE & THROAT - IS (C)					1								1	1		1		1	2	2	3			1			1				2		19	59	20	5%				
EAR, NOSE & THROAT (C)	5	3	5	9	5		4	12	5	7	2	3	2	5	8	6	6	3	3	4	2	2	3		5			1	1	2	1	2	2	12	130	89	289	55%		
EAR, NOSE & THROAT (IS)		1				1									2		1				1	2	3	1			1	2		1		2	3	22	79	22	0%			
GASTROENTEROLOGY (C)					1																													2	42	3	33%			
GENERAL SURGERY - IS (C)												1			2		1									1								4	9	60	9	0%		
GENERAL SURGERY (C)	20	82	22	29	17	12	3	10	7	4	4	3	6	1	2	2	1	1	1	1	5		6	3	10			4	6	7	4	6	5	8	6	2	299	86	904	67%
GENERAL SURGERY (IS)											1	1																						5	1	11	65	12	8%	
GENERAL SURGERY BREAST (C)	1		1	1																																3	16	25	88%	
GENERAL SURGERY BREAST (IS)								2	1				1																							4	25	4	0%	
GS ENDOSCOPY (C)				1																																1	16	1	0%	
GYNAECOLOGY (C)	4	11	11	5	8		12	9	5	4	4	1	1	5	1	2	2	2	1			1			3	1	4	1	1		1	3	1	7	14	125	71	400	69%	
PAIN MANAGEMENT (C)	6	3	15	11	17	8	20	20	18	11	13	7	11	6	10	22	6	10	15	22	10	19	11	10	6	25	9	10	4	12	6	8	94	34	509	68	696	27%		
PAIN MANAGEMENT (IS)					1	2	1																														4	20	5	20%
<b>INPATIENTS</b>	<b>&gt;13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>45 - 52</b>	<b>&gt; 52</b>	<b>Total &gt; 13 wks</b>					
EAR, NOSE & THROAT - IS (C)																		2		1	5					1		1		1	2	1	11	21	46	94	49	6%		
EAR, NOSE & THROAT (C)	5	8	7	14	7	13	9	14	7	9	3	10	3	6	5	2	4	6	6	1	1	3	4	2	2		3	1	1	3	4	1	17	44	225	115	361	38%		
EAR, NOSE & THROAT (IS)																1	4	1	1		1	2	1				1	1	1	1			10	22	47	78	48	2%		
GENERAL SURGERY - IS (C)																		2	1		1			1			1	1						2	38	49	81	49	0%	
GENERAL SURGERY (C)	10	8	11	15	11	8	1	12	7	6	10	5	11	9	8	6	2	5	5	5	2	10	4	4	2	4	5	1	5	7	5	10	26	53	293	89	482	39%		
GENERAL SURGERY (IRR) (C)							1												1																	2	31	3	33%	
GENERAL SURGERY (IS)															1				1	2	1			2	1				1					20	56	86	89	86	0%	
GENERAL SURGERY BREAST (C)				1	1		2						1	1										1	1								2	4	23	40	132	65	38%	
GENERAL SURGERY BREAST (IS)	2	1																	1			1	1													25	110	28	11%	
GYNAECOLOGY (C)	5	12	10	13	9	3	5	5	6	6	6	5	5	9	7	6	7	8	2	2	7	5	3	6		8	4	1	1	3	3	1	13	10	196	71	409	52%		
GYNAECOLOGY (IS)																												2	1	2	1	2		4	6	18	83	18	0%	
PAIN MANAGEMENT (C)										4		1																									6	38	6	0%
<b>Total IP/DC</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>143</b>	<b>89</b>	<b>101</b>	<b>88</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>91</b>	<b>67</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>228</b>	<b>357</b>	<b>2275</b>					

(Source: Information Services – Acute, PTLIPDC– run date 09/01/2018)

#### 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 1(b): Endoscopy Patients by Weeks Waiting at 31/12/2017**

- 949 NHSCT Endoscopy Patients waiting over 9 weeks
- 62 % NHSCT Endoscopy Patients waiting within 9 weeks

DAYCASES	WEEKS																																Total > 9 wks	Longest Waiter	Total Waits	% < 9 wks		
	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	32																		
GASTROENTEROLOGY IS Scope			5	18	19	14	9		1																									66	17	67	1%	
GASTROENTEROLOGY Scope	21	63	30	9	9	8	33	68	20	6	2		1																						270	21	1108	76%
GENERAL SURGERY IS Scope			5	4	10	9	6	1	6	3		2	2	1																					50	25	50	0%
GENERAL SURGERY Scope	25	55	39	19	18	9	15	23	15	3	7	4	12	4	4	3	7	12	1	2															277	32	875	68%
GS ENDOSCOPY - IS IS Scope			31	50	41	26	16	7	15	10	8	5	6	10	6	1	6																		238	25	238	0%
GS ENDOSCOPY - IS Scope			1																																1	11	1	0%
GS ENDOSCOPY IS Scope						1					1	1		1	1																				5	22	5	0%
GS ENDOSCOPY Scope	2	4	2	2			1	2		3	3	5		4	1		1	2																	32	26	148	78%
<b>INPATIENTS</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>Total &gt; 9 wks</b>																	
GASTROENTEROLOGY Scope							1	1																											2	16	13	85%
GENERAL SURGERY Scope				1	2				1		1			1																					6	22	15	60%
GS ENDOSCOPY Scope									1					1																					2	22	4	50%
<b>Total IP/DC</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>122</b>	<b>113</b>	<b>103</b>	<b>99</b>	<b>67</b>	<b>81</b>	<b>102</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>949</b>																	

(Source: Information Services – Acute, PTLIPDC – run date 09/01/2018)

**Table 1(c): Visiting Consultant IP/DC Patients by Weeks Waiting at 31/12/2017**

- 57 % NHSCT patients seen within 13 weeks

DAYCASES	WEEKS																							Total	Longest Waiter	Total Waits	% < 13 wks										
	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32	33	34	35	36					38	39	40	42	43	45	> 45			
OPHTHALMOLOGY (C)		1	1							1			1	1	1		1	2	5	1	2	6	4	3	3	1	1	2	9				46	81	65	29%	
UROLOGY (C)	4		5	2	3	6	2	3	7	6	5	3	1		1	2				1	1							1	2					55	72	115	52%
<b>Total</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>101</b>						

(Source: Information Services – Acute, PTLIPDC – run date 09/01/2018)



**Table 2(b): Visiting Consultant OP Patients by Weeks Waiting at 31/12/2017**

- 51 % NHSCT Patients seen within 9 weeks

Specialty Description	WEEKS																																													Total > 9 wks	Longest Waiter	Total Waits	% < 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	> 45											
DENTAL SURGERY (C)	12	16	6	5	10	4	7	6	3	8	6	5	4	3	2	1	6	3	2	3	5	2	4	1	1	4	2	10	7	2	6	3	4	2	3	1	4	247	<b>420</b>	171	496	15%							
NEUROLOGY (C)	5	8	8	3	10	5	6	3	3	7	8	3	5	10	6	7	4	9	8	5	5	6	5	5	6	5	5	1	9	6	7	7	3	10	7	7	5	606	<b>828</b>	181	874	5%							
NEUROLOGY VISITING (C)						1				1														1															15	<b>18</b>	70	19	5%						
OPHTHALMOLOGY (C)	25	24	21	12	28	12	14	13	19	19	15	25	16	23	15	7	13	14	13	22	14	11	7	4	4	2	3	2	1			1	1	1	1	1			<b>403</b>	45	686	41%							
OPHTHALMOLOGY (ICATS)	11	13	15	19	15	7	7	2		1	1																													<b>91</b>	19	176	48%						
ORTHOPAEDICS (ICATS)	167	114	118	70	36	26	5	2	1	2	1	1	1	1			1	2																					1	<b>549</b>	59	2183	75%						
PAEDIATRIC CARDIOLOGY (C)												1																												<b>1</b>	20	6	83%						
<b>Total</b>	<b>220</b>	<b>175</b>	<b>168</b>	<b>109</b>	<b>99</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>869</b>	<b>2310</b>										

(Source: Information Services – Acute OP Breach – run date 09/01/2018)

### Northern Trust Outpatients Average Completed Waits – Routine

The outpatient waiting time information relates to average waiting times for patients seen in December 2017 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-17	May-17	Jun-17	Jul-17	Aug-17	Sep-17	Oct-17	Nov-17	Dec-17	Jan-18	Feb-18	Mar-18
Breast Surgery	11	12	12	7	28	14	18	7	3			
Cardiology	7	8	7	7	10	8	6	6	5			
Colposcopy	5	10	8	9	8	10	9	8	10			
Dermatology	8	8	6	10	5	11	11	9	20			
ENT	53	54	46	45	50	49	53	62	59			
Gastroenterology	64	80	65	60	64	77	83	89	76			
General Surgery	14	22	21	21	36	25	30	24	26			
Gynae inc Hysteroscopy	22	23	21	19	20	21	22	21	19			
Haematology	10	10	11	10	13	14	15	12	29			
General Medicine	5	7	9	7	6	7	9	7	6			
Nephrology	12	10	12	12	12	12	12	12	11			
Neurology	64	71	70	39	85	83	66	102	106			
Paediatric Medicine	13	14	12	21	14	16	19	17	18			
Pain Management	45	56	58	50	59	59	53	64	65			
Rheumatology	43	56	50	58	59	54	70	57	76			
Thoracic	21	28	26	48	24	40	40	43	52			

**Note:** General Medicine includes Chemical Pathology, Diabetics & Endocrinology  
 Activity Recorded in Weeks & Numbers Rounded and includes Cancers & Waiting List Initiative  
 ICATS excluded  
 As at 02/01/2018

## Northern Trust Outpatients Average Completed Waits – Urgent

The outpatient waiting time information relates to average waiting times for patients seen in December 2017 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 ie excluding DNAs and cancellations
2. Showing Urgent Patients

**Table 3 (b):**

Specialty	Apr-17	May-17	Jun-17	Jul-17	Aug-17	Sep-17	Oct-17	Nov-17	Dec-17	Jan-18	Feb-18	Mar-18
Breast Surgery	2	2	2	2	1	1	2	2	2			
Cardiology	7	8	8	8	8	7	5	5	4			
Colposcopy	2	3	13	2	3	3	3	3	2			
Dermatology	5	4	4	4	4	8	6	5	5			
ENT	12	16	16	12	12	13	12	10	13			
Gastroenterology	11	12	9	10	10	14	14	14	15			
General Surgery	5	7	7	9	7	9	8	7	7			
Gynae inc Hysteroscopy	5	7	6	4	5	5	4	4	5			
Haematology	4	4	4	13	5	5	14	5	12			
General Medicine	7	8	9	5	8	7	5	9	10			
Nephrology	4	6	5	7	8	7	6	6	5			
Neurology	15	21	23	21	20	20	21	14	18			
Paediatric Medicine	2	4	4	6	4	4	3	4	3			
Pain Management	12	18	22	17	21	18	22	15	18			
Rheumatology	18	15	14	22	17	15	15	12	19			
Thoracic	10	12	11	12	11	9	9	9	8			

**Note:** General Medicine includes Chemical Pathology, Diabetics & Endocrinology  
 Activity Recorded in Weeks & Numbers Rounded and includes Cancers & Waiting List Initiative  
 ICATS excluded  
 As at 02/01/2018



**Diagnostics** – As at 31<sup>st</sup> December 2017 there were 16115 patients waiting over 9 weeks.

**TABLE 4: Waiting List Position as of 31/12/2017**

	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 weeks (183 days +)	<i>Total waiters</i>
Cardiology	643	630	426	391	529	383	579	3581
Respiratory Physiology	262	183	11	0	0	0	0	456
Urodynamics	905	813	437	391	529	383	579	4037
Audiology	905	813	437	391	529	383	579	4037
Imaging	3854	3257	2259	2481	3209	1491	3288	19839
<b>Total</b>	<b>6569</b>	<b>5696</b>	<b>3570</b>	<b>3654</b>	<b>4796</b>	<b>2640</b>	<b>5025</b>	<b>31950</b>

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