Fact Sheet

Elective Surgery Dashboard

The Elective Surgery dashboard is a tool that was designed to help hospitals and surgeons manage and monitor waiting times and schedule elective surgery. The dashboard does not provide information about individual patients and cannot be used to determine how long a particular patient will wait for their elective surgery procedure.

From 1 July 2016, in accordance with national requirements, an expanded set of procedure codes has been used for patients added to the elective surgery waiting list. Patients added to the list up to and including 30 June 2016 have a more generic procedure code assigned, such as 'Other General Surgery'.

Elective Surgery and waiting times

Elective surgery is planned surgery that can be booked in advance following a specialist clinical assessment. It does not refer to emergency surgery or treatment.

Patients needing elective surgery are placed on a waiting list to be treated according to the clinical urgency category assigned by their treating medical practitioner. There are three clinical urgency categories used:

Category 1: Procedures that are clinically indicated within 30 days

Category 2: Procedures that are clinically indicated within 90 days

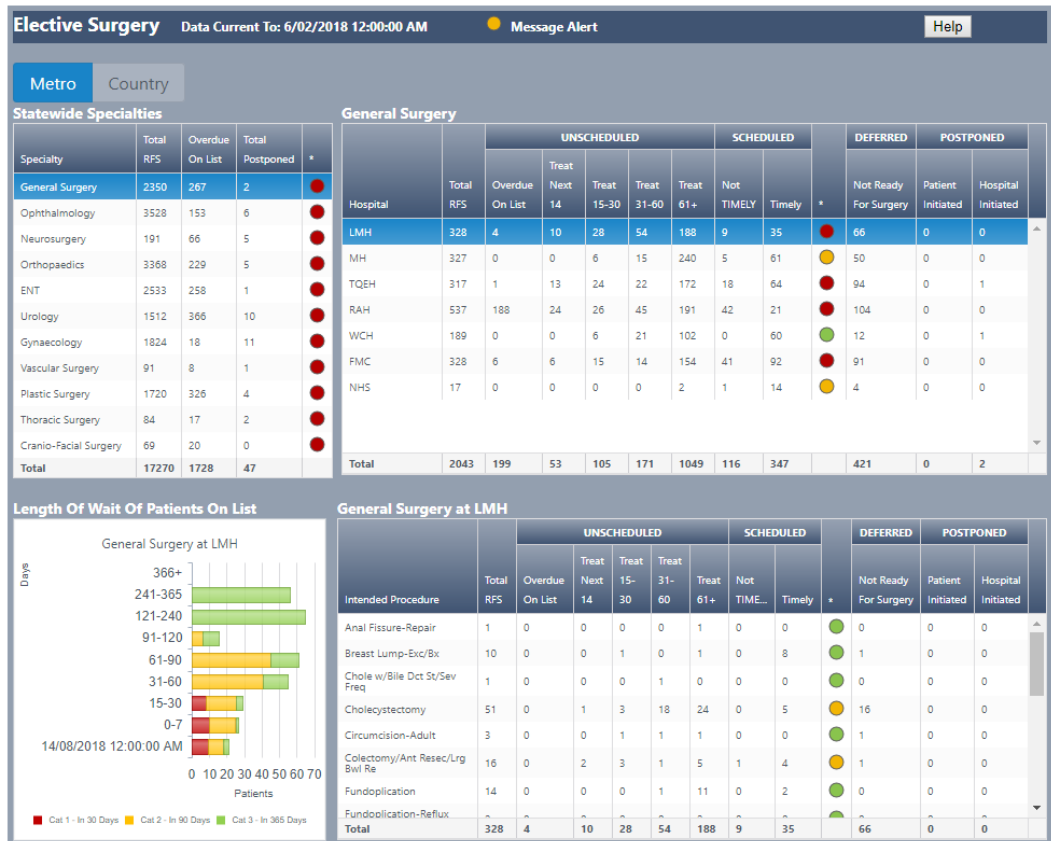Category 3: Procedures that are clinically indicated within 365 days

The length of time a patient will wait for their elective surgery is affected by factors including the type of treatment needed, the clinical urgency and the hospital where the patient is being admitted.

Every effort is made to treat patients within the clinically indicated time. However, sometimes other factors can affect the timely treatment of all patients, including the need for public hospitals to give priority to emergency patients who need a hospital bed.

The Elective Surgery dashboard at a glance

The dashboard consists of the following four sections:

> Specialties table
> Hospital status table
> Length of wait graph
> Procedures for specialty and hospital table

Elective Surgery Data Current To: 6/02/2018 12:00:00 AM ● Message Alert [Help]

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Statewide Specialties

Specialty	Total RFS	Overdue On List	Total Postponed	*
General Surgery	2350	267	2	● (red)
Ophthalmology	3528	153	6	● (red)
Neurosurgery	191	66	5	● (red)
Orthopaedics	3368	229	5	● (red)
ENT	2533	258	1	● (red)
Urology	1512	366	10	● (red)
Gynaecology	1824	18	11	● (red)
Vascular Surgery	91	8	1	● (red)
Plastic Surgery	1720	326	4	● (red)
Thoracic Surgery	84	17	2	● (red)
Cranio-Facial Surgery	69	20	0	● (red)
Total	17270	1728	47	

General Surgery

Hospital	Total RFS	Overdue On List	UNSCHEDULED Treat Next 14	Treat 15-30	Treat 31-60	Treat 61+	Not TIMELY	SCHEDULED Timely	*	DEFERRED Not Ready For Surgery	POSTPONED Patient Initiated	Hospital Initiated
LMH	328	4	10	28	54	188	9	35	● (red)	66	0	0
MH	327	0	0	6	15	240	5	61	● (amber)	50	0	0
TQEH	317	1	13	24	22	172	18	64	● (red)	94	0	1
RAH	537	188	24	26	45	191	42	21	● (red)	104	0	0
WCH	189	0	0	6	21	102	0	60	● (green)	12	0	1
FMC	328	6	6	15	14	154	41	92	● (red)	91	0	0
NHS	17	0	0	0	0	2	1	14	● (amber)	4	0	0
Total	2043	199	53	105	171	1049	116	347		421	0	2

Length Of Wait Of Patients On List

General Surgery at LMH

Days (y-axis): 366+, 241-365, 121-240, 91-120, 61-90, 31-60, 15-30, 0-7, 14/08/2018 12:00:00 AM

Patients (x-axis): 0 10 20 30 40 50 60 70

Legend: ■ Cat 1 - In 30 Days ■ Cat 2 - In 90 Days ■ Cat 3 - In 365 Days

General Surgery at LMH

Intended Procedure	Total RFS	Overdue On List	UNSCHEDULED Treat Next 14	Treat 15-30	Treat 31-60	Treat 61+	Not TIME...	SCHEDULED Timely	*	DEFERRED Not Ready For Surgery	POSTPONED Patient Initiated	Hospital Initiated
Anal Fissure-Repair	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	● (green)	0	0	0
Breast Lump-Exc/Bx	10	0	0	1	0	1	0	8	● (green)	1	0	0
Chole w/Bile Dct St/Sev Freq	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	● (green)	0	0	0
Cholecystectomy	51	0	1	3	18	24	0	5	● (amber)	16	0	0
Circumcision-Adult	3	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	● (green)	1	0	0
Colectomy/Ant Resec/Lrg Bwl Re	16	0	2	3	1	5	1	4	● (amber)	1	0	0
Fundoplication	14	0	0	0	1	11	0	2	● (green)	0	0	0
Fundoplication-Reflux									● (green)			
Total	328	4	10	28	54	188	9	35		66	0	0

Specialties table

The Statewide Specialty table shows all specialties and provides information about:

> the total number of patients who are ready for surgery (RFS)

> the number of patients who have been waiting longer than the recommended time for their elective surgery (Overdue On List)

> the total number of postponements

> colour coded alert indicators, showing the status of the specialty for all hospitals. Red means there are patients overdue and unscheduled, amber means there are patients due to be treated within 14 days and green means there are no patients overdue.

When a specialty is selected, the dashboard updates to display the list of hospitals relevant to the selected region, in the Hospital status table that perform surgeries in the particular specialty. This can be changed between metro and country with the buttons above the table.

Hospital status table

This table shows the number of patients waiting for an elective surgery within the chosen specialty by hospital. It provides details about:

> the total number of patients who are ready for surgery (RFS)

> the number of patients who have been waiting longer than the recommended time for their elective surgery (Overdue On List)

> the breakdown of overdue status (Treat Next 14; Treat 15-30; Treat 31-60; Treat 61+)

> the number of patients who have been given a date for their elective surgery procedure and whether it is:

　o timely: booked within the recommended waiting time for their urgency category

　o not timely: booked outside the recommended waiting time for their urgency category

> colour coded alert buttons, showing the status of the individual hospital for the chosen specialty

> the number of patients not ready for surgery

> the number of postponed surgeries, both by patients and hospitals.

Length of Wait graph

This graph shows the number of patients by clinical urgency category and their length of wait for the selected specialty and hospital chosen.

> Cat 1 patients (red) with a wait time of longer than 30 days are overdue.

> Cat 2 patients (amber) with a wait time of longer than 90 days are overdue.

> Cat 3 patients (green) with a wait time of longer than 365 days are overdue.

Procedures for specialty and hospital table

This table shows the specific procedures that patients are waiting to have by chosen hospital and speciality. It also shows a breakdown of the overdue status of the patients on the list, whether they are scheduled for surgery or not, the number of patients not ready for surgery and postponements by procedure.

An alert button column shows the status of individual procedures for the chosen specialty and hospital.

System requirements

The Elective Surgery dashboard system does not have any specific system requirements as long as your browser version is not greater than four years old.

From time to time, the dashboard may be unavailable due to unforeseen technical reasons or for scheduled system maintenance. If an error message is displayed, please try again at another time.

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