

**Greater Glasgow NHS Board**

**Board Meeting**

Tuesday, 21<sup>st</sup> January 2003

Board Paper No. 2003/4

**Director of Planning and Community Care**

**WAITING TIMES**

**Recommendation:**

Members are asked to note progress.

**A BACKGROUND**

At the December 2003 meeting, the Board noted progress towards delivering our agreed over nine-month waiting time reduction. This paper sets out the latest position.

**B CURRENT POSITION**

GGNHS Residents with Guarantee – provisional position.

Trust	April	October	November	December	March Target
				Provisional	
North Glasgow	487	466	403	384	182
South Glasgow	341	492	415	388	143
Yorkhill	12	12	7	3	0

The provisional numbers represent an improvement over December 2002, but continued progress is required to reach March 2003 target. The Board was advised previously of additional investments to secure extra one-off and recurring elective activity to achieve this. Details were outlined in a paper submitted to the Board in October 2002. This included surgery to be carried out at the National Jubilee National Hospital, previously known as the National Waiting Times Unit. The agreed number of electives undertaken at the hospital was significantly lower than originally agreed in the period to December, and redressing the balance between January and April will be important if targets are to be delivered. Extra sessions have been agreed with the hospital for both North and South Acute Trust patients to help achieve that goal.

The South Trust has secured further electives capacity via an agreement with BUPA to utilize available capacity in other locations. This is at an advanced stage and patients involved have agreed to travel. Final details will be advised when the planning initiative on this is complete. In North Glasgow, the second plastic surgery initiative is now underway. This will provide over 140 cases, and will eliminate over nine-month waiters.

**EMBARGOED UNTIL DATE OF MEETING.**

A pan-Glasgow Orthopaedics Group has been established to review and plan the future of the service in the GGNHSB area. The group includes wide consultant representation and will take cognizance of national based work underway, and produce short, medium and long-term plans. In the short-term, the importance of meeting national targets is acknowledged and these will be delivered via accessing external capacity as necessary.

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