

## Greater Glasgow NHS Board

### Board Meeting

Tuesday, 18<sup>th</sup> March, 2003

Board Paper No. 2003/20

Director of Planning and Community Care

## WAITING TIMES

### Recommendation:

Members are asked to note progress.

### A BACKGROUND

At the February, 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 – 9 MONTH WAITING TIME TARGET

NHSGG residents with Guarantee

Trust	April	December	January	February Provisional	March Target
North Glasgow	487	384	408	291	182
South Glasgow	341	342	443	356	143
Yorkhill	12	1	2	13	0
Total	840	727	853	660	325

There has been a reduction of 23% in NHSGG residents with a guarantee waiting over 9 months between January, 2003 and February, 2003. This shows significant progress towards meeting the December, 2003 target.

### FACTORS AFFECTING THE MARCH 2003 POSITION

February's Board paper highlighted the various pressures on both North and South Trusts and the potential impact on waiting times. These included Theatre maintenance, compliance with the recommendations of the Glennie report, nursing vacancies, temporary closure of beds and delayed discharges. These continue to affect progress towards the December 03 target.

Allocation of activity at The Golden Jubilee National Hospital and within the private sector in Glasgow will help to alleviate some of the above pressures.

**Planning processes for 2003/4**

Planning processes are in place to ensure that we continue to move towards:

- Maximum wait for inpatient and day case treatment of 9 months by December 2003

Plans to meet the target have been drawn up by the two acute trusts. These are on a specialty-by-specialty basis and include allocation of activity at Golden Jubilee Hospital, allocation of activity within private sector and in house initiatives.

- Maximum wait for inpatient and day case treatment of 6 months by December 2005 and abolition of deferred list and Guarantee exemptions from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2003

Work is ongoing between the Acute Trusts and GGNHSB on modeling the effects of moving towards the above targets. Medium and longer-term plans are being informed by this work.

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