

**Greater Glasgow NHS Board**

**Board Meeting**

Tuesday, 20<sup>th</sup> May, 2003

Board Paper No. 2003/36

**Director of Planning and Community Care**

**WAITING TIMES**

**Recommendation:**

Members are asked to note progress.

**A. BACKGROUND**

- At the April 2003 meeting, the Board noted that a unified waiting list, comprising the true and deferred lists, has been in place from April 1, 2003 and that future Board reports will reflect this change.

**B. A NEW UNIFIED WAITING LIST**

- There is no longer a deferred list. All patients will be on the unified list.
- The unified waiting list is made up of two categories:

Patients without Availability Status Codes (ASC's)

Patients with ASCs

- The Availability Status Code removes the concept of guarantees and associated exceptions and replaces them with codes that describe availability for treatment.

Each patient whose circumstances prevent them from receiving an offer of admission for the specialty or procedure will have an ASC code applied.

- Previous Board reports showed waiting times for Glasgow residents on the true waiting list with treatment guarantees.

Board reports will now report on residents of all Health Boards who are on a Glasgow waiting list and will show the numbers waiting split by those with an ASC and those without an ASC.

**C. CURRENT POSITION - APRIL 30, 2003**

- The provisional waiting list position at April 30 is presented in table 1 for all waits, regardless of the time waited. Table 2, presents current progress towards a maximum wait of 9 months by December 31, 2003.

**Total Numbers Waiting**

Table 1 - Total inpatient/day case waiting list position at April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2003

Category	North Glasgow	South Glasgow	Yorkhill	Total
No ASC's	13,001	6,529	1,437	20,967
With ASC's	5,711	2,520	578	8,809
<b>Total</b>	<b>18,712</b>	<b>9,049</b>	<b>2,015</b>	<b>29,776</b>

**9 Month Waiting Time Target**

Table 2 - Over 9 month inpatient/day case waiting list position at April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2003

Waiting List Category	Actual - April 2003				December 2003 Target
	North Glasgow	South Glasgow	Yorkhill	Total	
No ASC's	373	252	42	667	0
With ASC's	3,970	2,083	290	6,343	na
<b>Total</b>	<b>4,343</b>	<b>2,335</b>	<b>332</b>	<b>7,010</b>	<b>na</b>

There are currently 667 patients waiting over 9 months at the end of April with no ASC codes applied, we plan to reduce this to zero by December 31, 2003.

**Planning 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
- Maximum wait for inpatient and day case treatment of 6 months by December 2005
- Maximum wait for outpatient appointments of 26 weeks by December 2005
- It was intended that a detailed report would be presented to the May Board meeting, which would set out our plans – the plans are currently being finalised and are still work in progress at this stage.