

Board Meeting Thursday 12th August 2004

Title of Report: Achieving Patient Access Targets and Baseline Performance Requirements

1 Purpose of Report

The purpose of this report is to advise Board members of the performance achieved by all provider Trusts from which are commissioned Acute services for the Sedgefield population.

2 Connection with Sedgefield PCT's 4 Key Objectives/Pillars

Performance monitoring against national/local standards is fundamental to 'Improving Health Services'.

3 Background Detail

3.1 Access Incentive Scheme

Access Fund Capital was established by the Department of Health in 2003/04 for a three year period with the aim of rewarding NHS organisations for making progress towards improving access across all primary, acute and mental health services including waiting in A&E and inpatient and outpatient waiting times and lists.

Payments are as follows:-

Time Period	Amount per NHS Trust and PCT	Conditions
Quarter ending 30 June 2004	£77 600 capital	Delivery of all targets specified below during the quarter
Quarter ending 30 Sept 2004	£38 800 capital	
Quarter ending 31 Dec 2004	£38 800 capital	
Quarter ending 31 March 2005	£38 800 capital	

The fund is to be managed at Strategic Health Authority level, who were responsible for designing the targets and monitoring progress.

All the targets listed below have to be delivered by the PCT during the quarter to be eligible for payment. Part payment for achievement of some but not all the targets is not possible.

Target	Operational Standard	Success Criteria	Progress to Date for Q1
Primary Care Access	Achieve 100% by December 2004	Incremental targets throughout the year	Achieved
Waiting List Breaches	No patients waiting against 17 week outpatient, 9 month inpatient, 6 month revascularisation standards at month ends	No month end breaches throughout the quarter	Achieved
Cancer: 2 Week Wait breaches	No patient will wait more than 2 weeks from an urgent GP referral for suspected cancer to date first seen as an outpatient	No breaches in quarter	No breaches up to end of May
No. receiving assertive outreach services	Deliver assertive outreach to the adult patients with severe mental illness who regularly disengage from services	Achievement of LDP target* in each quarter	LDP target 2004/5 – 35 Q1 Actual - 46

3.2 Summary of Current Position

Please note that where appropriate, this month performance is measured against the latest Local Delivery Plan trajectories submitted to the Strategic Health Authority. It is important to note that targets for inpatients and outpatients have changed from 2003/4. For inpatients, the maximum wait is now 9 months and for outpatients, the maximum wait is 17 weeks. The tables below have been amended to demonstrate this.

July

Description of Target	Achieved	Trajectory
Ensure 100% of patients who wish to do so can see a primary health care professional within 1 working day and a GP within 2 working days by December 2004.		
Access to GP:	100%	100%
Access to Primary Care Professional:	100%	100%
A&E: - % patients through A&E within 4 hours (CD&D only) Reduce to four hours the maximum wait in A&E from arrival to admission, transfer or discharge, by March 2004 for those Trusts who have completed the Emergency Services Collaborative and by the end of 2004 for all others.		
4 th July 2004	93.0%	90%
11 th July 2004	93.9%	90%

18 th July 2003	95.4%	90%
25 th July 2004	95.1%	90%

May

Description of Target	Achieved	Trajectory
Inpatients: Achieve a maximum wait of 9 months for all inpatient waiters and reduce the number of 6-month in-patient waiters by 40% by March 2004, as progress towards achieving a maximum 6 month wait for inpatients by December 2005 and a 3 month maximum wait by 2008		
No. of 9 month breaches	0	0
6 to <9 months	129	109
0 to < 6 months	1185	1271
Outpatients: Achieve a maximum wait of 4 months (17 weeks) for an outpatient appointment and reduce the number of over 13-week outpatient waiters by March 2004, as progress towards achieving a maximum wait of 3 months for an outpatient appointment by December 2005.		
No. of 17 week breaches	0	0
13 to <17 Weeks	120	133

Description of Target	Achieved	Vs Last Month
Delayed Transfers: Improve the quality of life and independence of older people so that they can live at home wherever possible, by increasing by March 2006 the number of those supported intensively to live at home to 30% of the total being supported by social services at home.		
Acute - no. of patients	0	1
Acute - average delay in days	0	2
Mental Health - no. of patients	5	6
Mental Health - average delay in days	79.6	197.5
North East Ambulance Service: Ambulance services must achieve an 8 minute response to 75% of calls to life threatening emergencies.		
% Cat A Incidents responded to within 8 mins	63.8%	75%
% Cat A Incidents responded to between 8 - 19 mins	36.2%	25%
% Cat A Incidents responded to in over 19 mins	0%	0%
Cancer: Maintain existing cancer waiting time standards and set local waiting time targets for 2003/04 and 2004/05 so that by the end of December 2005 there is a maximum of one month from diagnosis to treatment, and two months from urgent referral to treatment for all cancers. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • GP to refer within 24 hours • Trust to see patient within 14 days 		
No. of cancer breaches	No data	0

3.3 Further Information

The attached graphs demonstrate the PCT's performance against the Local Delivery Plan trajectories in key areas.

There are also charts demonstrating information collected by Drug Action Teams on numbers of people presenting for drug treatment, numbers in treatment and numbers successfully completing drug treatment. However, it should be noted that this information is of poor quality as the teams are still improving their recording systems.

Also attached, is a scorecard, produced by County Durham and Tees Valley Strategic Health Authority demonstrating Sedgefield PCT's performance against other PCTs in April.

4 Recommendations

The Board receives this report for monitoring purposes.

5 Impact Statement

- 5.1 Financial Implications
None to report.

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