

Press Release

A&E targets and response to questions posed by Bath Chronicle in relation to PCT Commissioning Performance Report

1. The RUH has seen a significant improvement in its waiting times for treatment in the last ten days, with over 98% of A&E patients being seen and discharged within the four hour target time.

Our performance has been hampered in recent months however by the norovirus outbreak which not only brought more patients to the hospital but also caused beds to be closed on many wards both in the RUH and across the healthcare community. The situation has improved now with only one ward closed at present.

2. New trolleys have not yet arrived but temporary trolleys are available if needed. Over the last week we have had minimal delays transferring patients within the emergency department.
3. The Patient Flow facilitator (3 hour champion): this person has been in post for 2 weeks now. The post involves looking at patient flow across the whole hospital site and making sure that patient discharges are carried out efficiently so that beds are freed up for acute patients requiring assessment and/or admission.

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