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Director of Patient Care at the RUH, Diane Fuller says

"Waiting times for outpatients, diagnostics and elective treatment are rapidly reducing at the Royal United Hospital. The trust is working hard with GPs and primary care trusts to ensure that patients are treated as quickly as possible.

By the end of March 2008 the RUH is working towards a target that 85% of all admitted patients and 90% of non - admitted patients should wait less than 18 weeks from GP referral to the start of their treatment. By June 2008 this figure will further improve to 90% of admitted patients and 95% of non admitted patients.

"At the end of February the RUH had seen 74.5% of admitted patients and 92.4% of non admitted patients. Encouragingly figures for March show that we will have met the 85% outpatient target and more than met the 95% inpatient target."

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