

Timeliness of discharge and why the delays

The profile of discharges for RSUH is in keeping with the national average, so c22% of patients leave RSUH by midday, the national range is between 10%-30%. However, some Stoke on Trent residents can wait many days, several weeks in fact from being medically optimised to actually leaving the building. At the time of writing this RSUH has 150 medically fit for discharge patients, at its lowest it has been 115 (April) and has been as high as 220 in November (this includes patients from Staffordshire, currently being treated in RSUH to). The reasons are many and varied, but the key delay relates to care package availability and delays for assessment beds, re-hab beds and EMI beds, again those beds in the community are also requiring care package capacity to ensure timely outflows. At the time of writing this the division of medicine, which has c500 beds on the RSUH site currently has just short of 100 patients who are Medically fit for discharge.

Waiting times for Stoke on Trent residents for operations.

Several individual specialties are compliant against the national 18 week standard, but from an overall Trust UHNM is currently not compliant with the national 18 week referral to treatment standard, currently UHNM is treating 77% of its patients within 18 weeks against a standard at 92%, we currently also have c20 patients who have breached the 52 week backstop standard.