

Report To:	Health and Social Care Committee	Date	21 April 2016
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Subject:	Delayed Discharge Performance		

1.0 PURPOSE

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to advise the Health and Social Care Committee on performance towards achieving the national target for Delayed Discharge.

2.0 SUMMARY

- 2.1 The Delayed Discharge target reduced from 4 weeks to 2 weeks on 1 April 2015, reflecting the ongoing strategic commitment to Shifting the Balance of Care.

3.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 3.1 Members are asked to note the progress towards achieving the target and note the preparation for recording performance for the forthcoming year.

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4.0 BACKGROUND

- 4.1 From April 2015 the target for Delayed Discharge, which had been in place since 2013, decreased from 4 weeks to 2 weeks. NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde has also reported on the number of bed days lost due to delayed discharges; this provides a more complete picture of the impact of hospital delays.
- 4.2 From April 2016 there is a new national target to discharge patients within 72 hours of being ready for discharge. We have therefore started to measure the number of patients discharged within 72 hours of being medically stable. This data will be reported on in future reports alongside the associated bed days lost.

5.0 PERFORMANCE

- 5.1 We continue to maintain positive performance in relation to the 14 day Delayed Discharge target.

We have consistently achieved zero delays of more than 4 weeks since February 2015 and zero delays over 2 weeks since April 2015 (Appendix A). In March 2016 the census data showed that we again had zero service users staying longer than 14 days.

- 5.2 The whole social and health care system comes under increasing pressure during the winter months. Despite an increase in delays and bed days lost during the winter period we are achieving the GGC Health Board overall target of reducing bed days so far this financial year. The performance report projects that we will have reduced bed days lost by 50% over the previous financial year.
- 5.3 This performance is set against a background of increasing referrals for social care and community supports following discharge (Appendix B). During February 2016, 171 individuals were referred for social care support of which 57 people required a single shared assessment indicating complex support needs. A total of 13 individuals were identified as being delayed following the decision they were medically fit for discharge.
- 5.4 The overall performance indicates positive outcomes for service users who are returning home or moving on to appropriate care settings earlier and spending less time inappropriately in hospital.

6.0 PROPOSALS

- 6.1 Work with colleagues at Inverclyde Royal Hospital continues to demonstrate the effectiveness of early commencement of assessments regarding future care needs in achieving an appropriate, timely and safe discharge. The result is that the majority of individuals are assessed and discharged home as soon as they are deemed medically fit for discharge, including those requiring a home care package and residential care placement.
- 6.2 There is a continued focus to develop integrated and joint improvements to continually improve the hospital journey and discharge processes.
- 6.3 We will continue to develop our performance monitoring with an emphasis on the hospital discharge pathway and in particular the outcomes for service users, their families and carers.

7.0 IMPLICATIONS

Finance

- 7.1 There are no specific financial implications from this report. All activity will be contained within existing budgets.

Cost Centre	Budget Heading	Budget Years	Proposed Spend this Report £000	Virement From	Other Comments
N/A					

Annually Recurring Costs/ (Savings)

Cost Centre	Budget Heading	With Effect from	Annual Net Impact £000	Virement From (If Applicable)	Other Comments
N/A					

Legal

- 7.2 None.

Human Resources

- 7.3 There are no Human Resource implications at this time.

Equalities

- 7.4 Has an Equality Impact Assessment been carried out?

	YES (see attached appendix)
√	NO – This report does not introduce a new policy, function or strategy or recommend a change to an existing policy, function or strategy. Therefore, no Equality Impact Assessment is required.

Repopulation

- 7.5 None.

8.0 CONSULTATION

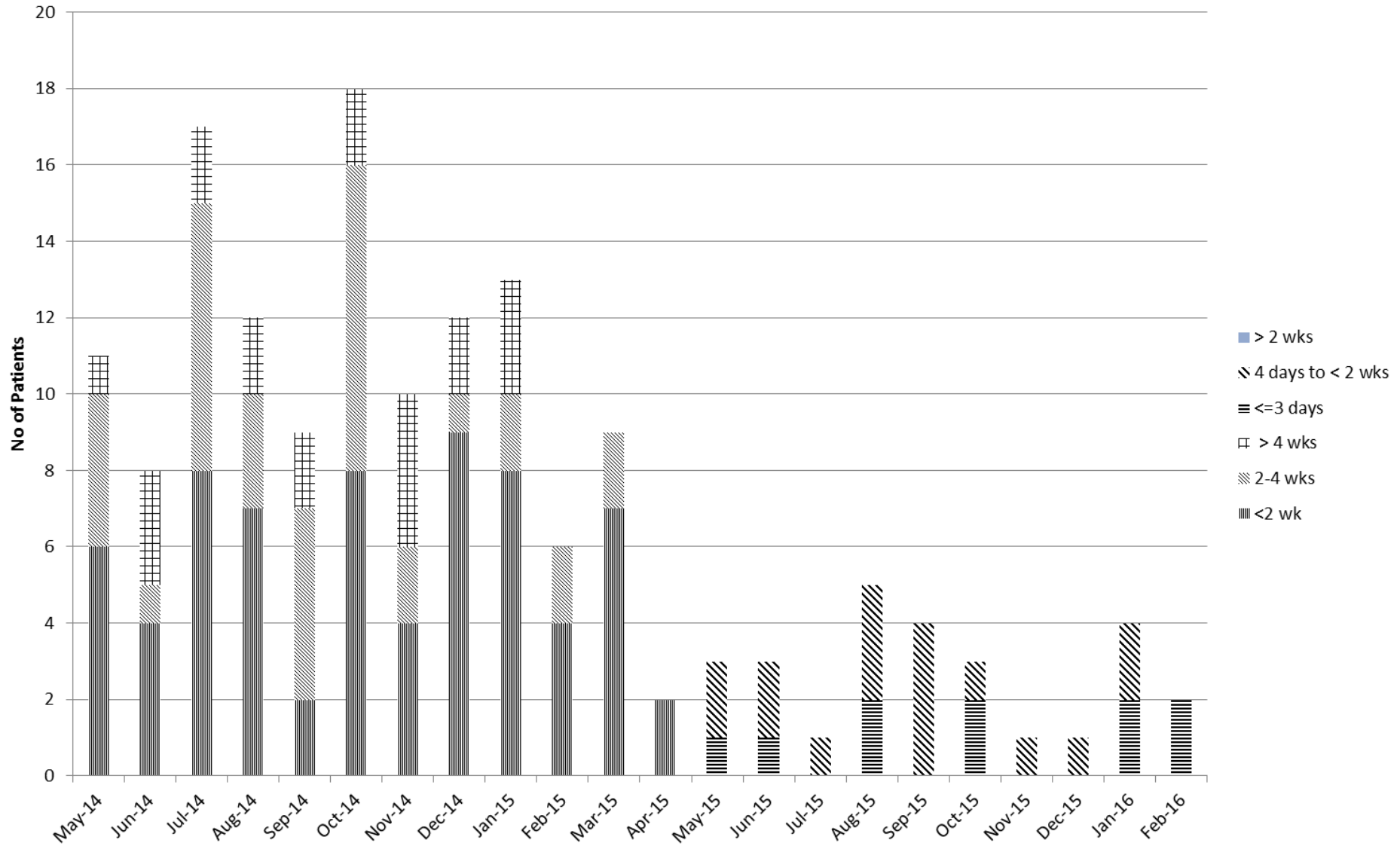
- 8.1 None.

9.0 BACKGROUND PAPERS

9.1 None.

Appendix A

Delayed Discharges at Census



Appendix B

IRH Discharge Team - Referrals

