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Key Points***



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Northern Ireland Hospital Statistics 1999/2000 to 2004/2005 – Key Points

This document gives details of the hospital activity at hospitals in Northern Ireland in 2004/2005, the most recent year for which figures are available and also a summary of changes from 1999/2000 to 2004/2005.

2004/2005 – Key Points

- In 2004/2005 490,058 inpatients were treated in NI hospitals. Of these 337,426 (69%) were ordinary inpatients and the remaining 152,632 (31%) were treated as day cases.
- Overall there were 8,323 beds available with an 84% occupancy rate.
- The average length of time spent in hospital (excluding day cases) was 7.6 days.
- Overall in 2004/2005 12% of scheduled outpatient attendances the patient did not attend.
- The total number of attendances at NI Accident & Emergency Departments in 2004/2005 was 690,386
- At 31st March 2005, there were 47,545 patients waiting for inpatient treatment and 167,138 patients waiting for a first outpatient appointment in Northern Ireland.

Change: 1999/2000 to 2004/2005 – Key Points

- Comparing 2004/2005 with 1999/2000 the total number of discharges and deaths (all ordinary admissions leaving hospital) increased by 5,352 (1.6%). Over the latest year there was an increase of 5,752 (1.7%).
- Most patients prefer to have their treatment in one day, where appropriate, rather than stay in hospital overnight. Comparing 2004/2005 with 1999/2000, over all programmes of care, there has been an increase of 33,691 (28.3%) in the number of patients treated as day cases. Over the latest year 2003/2004 to 2004/2005 there was an increase of 1,860 (1.2%).
- Comparing 2004/2005 with 1999/2000 the average number of available beds decreased by 316.0 (3.7%) for all Programmes of Care. Over the latest year 2003/2004 to 2004/2005 there was a decrease of 23.8 (0.3%).
- A measurement of the efficiency of the system is the percentage of time that a bed remains occupied. Comparing 2004/2005 with 1999/2000, there has been a 2.7 percentage point increase in the occupancy rate for all Programmes of Care. Over the past year the occupancy rate has risen slightly.
- Another measure of efficiency is throughput. This is a measurement of the average number of ordinary admissions treated in each available bed each year. Comparing 2004/2005 with 1999/2000 there was a 5.5% increase in throughput across all Programmes of Care; over the past year there was an increase of 2.0%.
- Comparing 2004/2005 with 1999/2000 the average length of stay in hospital decreased from 7.8 days to 7.6 days (2.4%).
- Comparing 2004/2005 with 1999/2000 the number of outpatient attendances increased by 49,559 (3.5%). Compared with last year, attendances increased by 2,936 (0.2%).
- The rate of non-attendance at outpatient clinics decreased by 1.4 percentage points over the past 5 years, and by 0.4 percentage point over the past year.
- Total attendances at Accident & Emergency units in 2004/2005 showed an increase of 14,797 (2.2%) over the number recorded in 1999/2000. Compared with last year, attendances increased by 11,388 (1.7%).
- The number waiting for inpatient treatment in Northern Ireland at 31st March 2005 showed a decrease of 182 (0.4%) on the number waiting at 31st March 2000. Comparing 31st March 2004 with 31st March 2005 the number waiting showed a decrease of 2,430 (4.9%).
- Comparing 31st March 2000 with 31st March 2005, the number waiting for a first outpatient appointment in Northern Ireland increased by 64,581 (63.0%). Over the past year the number has increased by 19,080 (12.9%).

Discharges and Deaths Activity

- Comparing 2004/2005 with 1999/2000 the total number of discharges and deaths (all ordinary admissions leaving hospital) increased by 5,352 (1.6%). Over the past year the number of discharges and deaths showed an increase of 5,752 (1.7%) on the previous year.
- Comparing 2004/2005 with 1999/2000 at individual Programme of Care level, Acute Services saw an increase of 3.2%.

Table 1: Discharges and Deaths 1999/2000 to 2004/2005

	Discharges and Deaths						Percentage Change	Percentage Change
	2004/2005	2003/2004	2002/2003	2001/2002	2000/2001	1999/2000	2003/04 - 2004/05	1999/00 - 2004/05
All Programmes of Care	337,426	331,674	326,759	328,135	332,936	332,074	1.7%	1.6%
POC 1 - Acute Services	263,939	258,052	254,079	254,765	258,792	255,797	2.3%	3.2%
POC 2 - Maternity and Child Health	50,698	49,632	48,467	48,749	48,660	51,018	2.1%	-0.6%
POC 4 - Elderly Care	12,054	12,480	11,814	11,809	12,344	12,210	-3.4%	-1.3%
POC 5 - Mental Health	8,384	9,146	10,035	10,366	10,488	10,482	-8.3%	-20.0%
POC 6 - Learning Disability	2,351	2,364	2,364	2,446	2,652	2,567	-0.5%	-8.4%
<i>Selected Specialties within the Acute Sector -</i>								
- General Surgery	44,598	46,390	45,908	45,828	48,784	48,827	-3.9%	-8.7%
- General Medicine	61,273	60,542	58,029	57,425	55,069	55,869	1.2%	9.7%
- T&O Surgery	14,879	13,327	13,784	13,289	13,288	13,780	11.6%	8.0%
- ENT	10,220	10,059	10,143	9,401	10,373	11,272	1.6%	-9.3%
- Ophthalmology	2,427	2,223	2,407	2,387	2,678	2,820	9.2%	-13.9%
- Plastic Surgery	2,890	3,723	3,490	3,347	3,241	3,197	-22.4%	-9.6%
- Gynaecology	12,793	13,277	13,350	13,786	14,187	14,198	-3.6%	-9.9%
Other Acute Specialties	114,859	108,511	106,968	109,302	111,172	105,834	5.9%	8.5%

Source: KH03A

Note: Discharge and deaths figures for Daisy Hill, Ulster, Mid-Ulster, South Tyrone and Tyrone County hospitals include ambulatory care patients.

Day Case Activity

- Most patients prefer to have their treatment in one day, where appropriate, rather than stay in hospital overnight. Comparing 2004/2005 with 1999/2000, over all programmes of care, there has been an increase of 33,691 (28.3%) in the number of patients treated as day cases. Over the latest year 2003/2004 to 2004/2005 there was an increase of 1,860 (1.2%).
- Day Case treatment is most applicable to the acute specialties. The majority of activity in the acute sector occurs in the seven specialties listed. The specialty showing the greatest increase in the number of day cases was Ophthalmology where there has been a 38.4% increase over the five-year period.

Table 2: Day Cases 1999/2000 to 2004/2005

	Day Cases						Percentage Change	Percentage Change
	2004/2005	2003/2004	2002/2003	2001/2002	2000/2001	1999/2000	2003/04 - 2004/05	1999/00 - 2004/05
All Programmes of Care	152,632	150,772	138,605	130,068	123,693	118,941	1.2%	28.3%
POC 1 - Acute Services	148,342	148,161	136,772	128,366	122,207	118,082	0.1%	25.6%
POC 2 - Maternity and Child Health	1,138	1,241	1,129	985	912	366	-8.3%	210.9%
POC 4 - Elderly Care	497	436	274	190	87	93	14.0%	434.4%
POC 5 - Mental Health	2,654	932	423	517	471	397	184.8%	568.5%
POC 6 - Learning Disability	1	2	7	10	16	3	-50.0%	-66.7%
<i>Selected Specialties within the Acute Sector -</i>								
- General Surgery	30,329	31,633	30,981	28,897	27,952	27,488	-4.1%	10.3%
- General Medicine	14,560	15,993	14,680	14,365	13,545	14,002	-9.0%	4.0%
- T&O Surgery	2,491	2,391	2,154	2,237	2,070	2,208	4.2%	12.8%
- ENT	4,682	4,940	5,219	5,428	5,237	5,242	-5.2%	-10.7%
- Ophthalmology	13,802	13,600	12,554	11,390	10,508	9,971	1.5%	38.4%
- Plastic Surgery	2,116	2,409	2,119	1,875	1,628	1,684	-12.2%	25.7%
- Gynaecology	10,176	10,824	9,932	10,577	10,705	11,146	-6.0%	-8.7%
Other Acute Specialties	70,186	66,371	59,133	53,597	50,562	46,341	5.7%	51.5%

Source: KH03A

Total Inpatient Activity

- Comparing 2004/2005 with 1999/2000 the total inpatient activity (all ordinary and day case admissions leaving hospital) increased by 39,043 (8.7%). Over the past year the number of inpatients treated showed an increase of 7,612 (1.6%) on the previous year.
- Comparing 2004/2005 with 1999/2000, all individual Programmes of Care showed an increase apart from Learning Disability. The increases ranged from 0.4% in the Mental Health Programme of Care to 10.3% in Acute Services Programme of Care.

Table 3: Total Inpatient Activity 1999/2000 to 2004/2005

	Total Admissions						Percentage Change	Percentage Change
	2004/2005	2003/2004	2002/2003	2001/2002	2000/2001	1999/2000	2003/04 - 2004/05	1999/00 - 2004/05
All Programmes of Care	490,058	482,446	465,364	458,203	456,629	451,015	1.6%	8.7%
POC 1 - Acute Services	412,281	406,213	390,851	383,131	380,999	373,879	1.5%	10.3%
POC 2 - Maternity and Child Health	51,836	50,873	49,596	49,734	49,572	51,384	1.9%	0.9%
POC 4 - Elderly Care	12,551	12,916	12,088	11,999	12,431	12,303	-2.8%	2.0%
POC 5 - Mental Health	11,038	10,078	10,458	10,883	10,959	10,879	9.5%	1.5%
POC 6 - Learning Disability	2,352	2,366	2,371	2,456	2,668	2,570	-0.6%	-8.5%
<i>Selected Specialties within the Acute Sector -</i>								
- General Surgery	74,927	78,023	76,889	74,725	76,736	76,315	-4.0%	-1.8%
- General Medicine	75,833	76,535	72,709	71,790	68,614	69,871	-0.9%	8.5%
- T&O Surgery	17,370	15,718	15,938	15,526	15,358	15,988	10.5%	8.6%
- ENT	14,902	14,999	15,362	14,829	15,610	16,514	-0.6%	-9.8%
- Ophthalmology	16,229	15,823	14,961	13,777	13,186	12,791	2.6%	26.9%
- Plastic Surgery	5,006	6,132	5,609	5,222	4,869	4,881	-18.4%	2.6%
- Gynaecology	22,969	24,101	23,282	24,363	24,892	25,344	-4.7%	-9.4%
Other Acute Specialties	185,045	174,882	166,101	162,899	161,734	152,175	5.8%	21.6%

Source: KH03A

Note: Discharge and deaths figures for Daisy Hill, Ulster, Mid-Ulster, South Tyrone and Tyrone County hospitals include ambulatory care patients.

Day Case Rates

- Day Case treatment is most applicable to the acute specialties. In most of the acute specialties listed the percentage of day cases has been increasing steadily from 1999/2000 to 2004/2005. The greatest increase was in Plastic Surgery where there has been a 7.8 percentage point increase over the five-year period.

Table 4: Percentage Day Cases 1999/2000 to 2004/2005

	Percentage Day Cases						Percentage Point Change	Percentage Point Change
	2004/2005	2003/2004	2002/2003	2001/2002	2000/2001	1999/2000	2003/04 - 2004/05	1999/00 - 2004/05
All Programmes of Care	31.1%	31.3%	29.8%	28.4%	27.1%	26.4%	-0.1	4.8
POC 1 - Acute Services	36.0%	36.5%	35.0%	33.5%	32.1%	31.6%	-0.5	4.4
POC 2 - Maternity and Child Health	2.2%	2.4%	2.3%	2.0%	1.8%	0.7%	-0.2	1.5
POC 4 - Elderly Care	4.0%	3.4%	2.3%	1.6%	0.7%	0.8%	0.6	3.2
POC 5 - Mental Health	24.0%	9.2%	4.0%	4.8%	4.3%	3.6%	14.8	20.4
POC 6 - Learning Disability	0.0%	0.1%	0.3%	0.4%	0.6%	0.1%	0.0	-0.1
<i>Selected Specialties within the Acute Sector -</i>								
- General Surgery	40.5%	40.5%	40.3%	38.7%	36.4%	36.0%	-0.1	4.5
- General Medicine	19.2%	20.9%	20.2%	20.0%	19.7%	20.0%	-1.7	-0.8
- T&O Surgery	14.3%	15.2%	13.5%	14.4%	13.5%	13.8%	-0.9	0.5
- ENT	31.4%	32.9%	34.0%	36.6%	33.5%	31.7%	-1.5	-0.3
- Ophthalmology	85.0%	86.0%	83.9%	82.7%	79.7%	78.0%	-0.9	7.1
- Plastic Surgery	42.3%	39.3%	37.8%	35.9%	33.4%	34.5%	3.0	7.8
- Gynaecology	44.3%	44.9%	42.7%	43.4%	43.0%	44.0%	-0.6	0.3
Other Acute Specialties	37.9%	38.0%	35.6%	32.9%	31.3%	30.5%	0.0	7.5

Source: KH03A

Note: Percentages and percentage points are shown rounded to one decimal point. Percentage changes and percentage point changes are calculated using un-rounded numbers.

Bed Availability

- Comparing 2004/2005 with 1999/2000 the average number of available beds decreased by 316.0 (3.7%) for all Programmes of Care. Across individual Programmes of Care the decrease ranged from 5.9% in elderly care to 16.6% in Mental Health and Maternity and Child Health.
- Over the past year there has been a 0.3% decrease in available beds across all Programmes of Care. Across individual Programmes of Care Acute Services showed an increase of 1.8%, while all other Programmes of Care showed a decrease.

Table 5: Average Available Beds 1999/2000 to 2004/2005

	Average Available Beds						Percentage Change	Percentage Change
	2004/2005	2003/2004	2002/2003	2001/2002	2000/2001	1999/2000	2003/04 - 2004/05	1999/00 - 2004/05
All Programmes of Care	8,322.8	8,346.6	8,301.3	8,419.1	8,571.0	8,638.8	-0.3%	-3.7%
POC 1 - Acute Services	4,473.3	4,396.3	4,267.0	4,252.4	4,229.6	4,245.7	1.8%	5.4%
POC 2 - Maternity and Child Health	662.9	670.4	696.0	716.2	746.4	794.7	-1.1%	-16.6%
POC 4 - Elderly Care	1,500.9	1,532.3	1,511.3	1,553.0	1,587.2	1,595.5	-2.0%	-5.9%
POC 5 - Mental Health	1,127.2	1,162.1	1,222.5	1,280.5	1,349.3	1,344.1	-3.0%	-16.1%
POC 6 - Learning Disability	558.6	585.5	604.5	617.0	658.5	658.7	-4.6%	-15.2%
<i>Selected Specialties within the Acute Sector -</i>								
- General Surgery	812.3	821.8	796.7	803.0	845.4	865.9	-1.2%	-6.2%
- General Medicine	1,428.1	1,391.4	1,339.7	1,281.9	1,224.4	1,229.1	2.6%	16.2%
- T&O Surgery	359.3	328.5	327.9	346.2	328.1	344.0	9.4%	4.4%
- ENT	86.6	87.8	90.5	90.3	94.1	94.7	-1.4%	-8.6%
- Ophthalmology	15.7	16.0	16.3	15.5	17.1	17.1	-2.0%	-8.0%
- Plastic Surgery	44.0	48.6	46.1	46.9	46.8	46.7	-9.5%	-5.6%
- Gynaecology	154.3	162.1	159.0	159.5	174.0	180.0	-4.8%	-14.3%
Other Acute Specialties	1,573.0	1,539.9	1,490.7	1,509.1	1,499.8	1,468.3	2.1%	7.1%

Source: KH03A

Bed Occupancy

- A measurement of the efficiency of the system is the percentage of time that a bed remains occupied. Comparing 2004/2005 with 1999/2000 there has been a 2.7 percentage point increase in the occupancy rate for all Programmes of Care.
- Comparing 2004/2005 with 2003/2004 the Elderly Care and Mental Health Programmes of Care saw an increase in their occupancy rate of 0.1 and 1.0 percentage points respectively, while all other Programmes of Care saw a decrease.

Table 6: Percentage Occupancy 1999/2000 to 2004/2005

	Percentage Occupancy						Percentage Point Change	Percentage Point Change
	2004/2005	2003/2004	2002/2003	2001/2002	2000/2001	1999/2000	2003/04 - 2004/05	1999/00 - 2004/05
All Programmes of Care	84.2%	84.1%	84.3%	83.3%	82.0%	81.5%	0.0	2.7
POC 1 - Acute Services	83.0%	83.2%	83.5%	82.2%	80.9%	80.0%	-0.1	3.0
POC 2 - Maternity and Child Health	63.5%	63.8%	61.6%	59.6%	57.7%	58.7%	-0.3	4.8
POC 4 - Elderly Care	89.8%	89.7%	90.1%	89.5%	89.6%	88.4%	0.1	1.4
POC 5 - Mental Health	89.1%	88.2%	88.0%	87.5%	86.8%	87.3%	1.0	1.9
POC 6 - Learning Disability	92.3%	92.4%	93.6%	93.5%	88.5%	90.1%	-0.1	2.2
<i>Selected Specialties within the Acute Sector -</i>								
- General Surgery	84.0%	85.5%	85.1%	85.0%	81.6%	79.4%	-1.5	4.6
- General Medicine	93.1%	94.1%	94.0%	93.0%	90.8%	90.7%	-1.0	2.5
- T&O Surgery	84.8%	84.3%	82.3%	76.4%	79.0%	79.3%	0.5	5.5
- ENT	58.0%	58.3%	59.4%	56.4%	58.4%	62.4%	-0.3	-4.4
- Ophthalmology	71.9%	67.4%	73.1%	72.5%	74.5%	76.2%	4.5	-4.3
- Plastic Surgery	75.1%	80.0%	83.4%	85.2%	81.9%	80.3%	-4.9	-5.2
- Gynaecology	72.8%	71.0%	72.1%	73.7%	70.2%	68.6%	1.8	4.2
Other Acute Specialties	75.7%	74.7%	76.4%	75.4%	75.5%	74.2%	0.9	1.5

Source: KH03A

Note: Percentages and percentage points are shown rounded to one decimal point. Percentage changes and percentage point changes are calculated using un-rounded numbers.

Throughput per Bed

- Another measure of efficiency is throughput. This is a measurement of the average number of ordinary admissions treated in each available bed each year. Comparing 2004/2005 with 1999/2000 there was a 5.5% increase in throughput across all Programmes of Care. Over the past year there was an increase of 2.0%.
- At individual Programmes of Care level during the last year the increases in throughput ranged from 0.5% in the Acute Services Programme of Care to 8.1% for the Learning Disability Programme of Care. The Elderly Care and Mental Health Programmes of Care showed a decrease in throughput of 1.4% and 6.2% respectively.

Table 7: Throughput 1999/2000 to 2004/2005

	Throughput						Percentage Change	Percentage Change
	2004/2005	2003/2004	2002/2003	2001/2002	2000/2001	1999/2000	2003/04 - 2004/05	1999/00 - 2004/05
All Programmes of Care	40.5	39.7	39.4	39.0	38.8	38.4	2.0%	5.5%
POC 1 - Acute Services	59.0	58.7	59.5	59.9	61.2	60.2	0.5%	-2.1%
POC 2 - Maternity and Child Health	76.5	74.0	69.6	68.1	65.2	64.2	3.3%	19.1%
POC 4 - Elderly Care	8.0	8.1	7.8	7.6	7.8	7.7	-1.4%	4.9%
POC 5 - Mental Health	7.4	7.9	8.2	8.1	7.8	7.8	-5.5%	-4.6%
POC 6 - Learning Disability	4.2	4.0	3.9	4.0	4.0	3.9	4.3%	8.0%
<i>Selected Specialties within the Acute Sector -</i>								
- General Surgery	54.9	56.4	57.6	57.1	57.7	56.4	-2.7%	-2.6%
- General Medicine	42.9	43.5	43.3	44.8	45.0	45.5	-1.4%	-5.6%
- T&O Surgery	41.4	40.6	42.0	38.4	40.5	40.1	2.1%	3.4%
- ENT	118.0	114.5	112.1	104.1	110.2	119.0	3.0%	-0.9%
- Ophthalmology	154.7	138.8	147.3	154.0	156.7	165.4	11.4%	-6.5%
- Plastic Surgery	65.6	76.5	75.7	71.4	69.3	68.5	-14.2%	-4.2%
- Gynaecology	82.9	81.9	84.0	86.5	81.5	78.9	1.2%	5.1%
Other Acute Specialties	73.0	70.5	71.8	72.4	74.1	72.1	3.6%	1.3%

Source: KH03A

Average Length of Stay

- Comparing 2004/2005 with 1999/2000 the average length of stay in hospital decreased from 7.8 days to 7.6 days (2.4%).
- The Acute Services and Mental Health Programmes of Care showed increases of 6.0% and 8.0% respectively, in the average length of stay over the five-year period. All other Programmes of Care showed a decrease.

Table 8: Average Length of Stay 1999/2000 to 2004/2005

	Average Length of Stay						Percentage Change	Percentage Change
	2004/2005	2003/2004	2002/2003	2001/2002	2000/2001	1999/2000	2003/04 - 2004/05	1999/00 - 2004/05
All Programmes of Care	7.6	7.8	7.8	7.8	7.7	7.8	-2.2%	-2.4%
POC 1 - Acute Services	5.1	5.2	5.1	5.0	4.8	4.8	-0.7%	6.0%
POC 2 - Maternity and Child Health	3.0	3.1	3.2	3.2	3.2	3.3	-3.6%	-9.2%
POC 4 - Elderly Care	40.8	40.2	42.1	43.0	42.0	42.2	1.5%	-3.2%
POC 5 - Mental Health	43.7	40.9	39.1	39.5	40.7	40.9	7.0%	7.1%
POC 6 - Learning Disability	80.1	83.6	87.4	86.1	80.2	84.4	-4.2%	-5.1%
<i>Selected Specialties within the Acute Sector -</i>								
- General Surgery	5.6	5.5	5.4	5.4	5.2	5.1	1.0%	8.6%
- General Medicine	7.9	7.9	7.9	7.6	7.4	7.3	0.4%	8.8%
- T&O Surgery	7.5	7.6	7.1	7.3	7.1	7.2	-1.4%	3.4%
- ENT	1.8	1.9	1.9	2.0	1.9	1.9	-3.5%	-6.2%
- Ophthalmology	1.7	1.8	1.8	1.7	1.7	1.7	-4.3%	0.9%
- Plastic Surgery	4.2	3.8	4.0	4.4	4.3	4.3	9.5%	-2.3%
- Gynaecology	3.2	3.2	3.1	3.1	3.1	3.2	1.3%	1.0%
Other Acute Specialties	3.8	3.9	3.9	3.8	3.7	3.8	-2.3%	0.7%

Source: KH03A

Outpatient Attendances

- Comparing 2004/2005 with 1999/2000 the number of outpatient attendances increased by 49,559 (3.5%).
- Over the past year there has been an increase of 2,936 (0.2%) in the number of outpatient attendances. There were increases across all Programmes of Care except Maternity & Child Health, which decreased by 1.9%.

Table 9: Outpatient Attendances 1999/2000 to 2004/2005

	Outpatient Attendances						Percentage Change	Percentage Change
	2004/2005	2003/2004	2002/2003	2001/2002	2000/2001	1999/2000	2003/04 - 2004/05	1999/00 - 2004/05
All Programmes of Care	1,484,877	1,481,941	1,461,963	1,458,200	1,441,142	1,435,318	0.2%	3.5%
POC 1 - Acute Services	1,254,287	1,252,896	1,233,507	1,238,135	1,226,623	1,221,553	0.1%	2.7%
POC 2 - Maternity and Child Health	107,133	109,190	111,401	104,610	102,936	103,924	-1.9%	3.1%
POC 4 - Elderly Care	28,278	26,375	25,372	24,458	22,196	20,355	7.2%	38.9%
POC 5 - Mental Health	89,806	88,221	87,390	87,160	85,789	86,093	1.8%	4.3%
POC 6 - Learning Disability	5,373	5,259	4,293	3,837	3,598	3,393	2.2%	58.4%
<i>Selected Specialties within the Acute Sector -</i>								
- General Surgery	145,044	154,651	151,685	156,895	163,862	171,559	-6.2%	-15.5%
- General Medicine	107,347	109,424	111,085	116,618	119,076	125,978	-1.9%	-14.8%
- T&O Surgery	133,622	131,023	128,318	119,898	117,058	108,945	2.0%	22.7%
- ENT	85,807	87,172	88,037	91,099	93,598	94,795	-1.6%	-9.5%
- Ophthalmology	103,745	96,742	94,661	93,495	90,071	91,864	7.2%	12.9%
- Plastic Surgery	18,426	23,731	21,411	18,853	17,295	16,892	-22.4%	9.1%
- Gynaecology	87,455	89,705	91,546	88,687	84,827	84,095	-2.5%	4.0%
Other Acute Specialties	572,841	560,448	546,764	552,590	540,836	527,425	2.2%	8.6%

Source: KH09

DNA Rates at Outpatient Clinics

- The rate of non-attendance at outpatient clinics decreased by 1.4 percentage points over the past 5 years, and by 0.4 percentage points over the past year.

Table 10: DNA Rates 1999/2000 to 2004/2005

	Percentage who Did Not Attend						Percentage Point Change	Percentage Point Change
	2004/2005	2003/2004	2002/2003	2001/2002	2000/2001	1999/2000	2003/04 - 2004/05	1999/00 - 2004/05
All Programmes of Care	11.8%	12.1%	12.2%	12.7%	13.1%	13.1%	-0.4	-1.4
POC 1 - Acute Services	11.8%	12.3%	12.5%	12.8%	13.2%	13.3%	-0.5	-1.5
POC 2 - Maternity and Child Health	2.9%	3.4%	3.4%	3.7%	4.2%	4.2%	-0.5	-1.3
POC 4 - Elderly Care	8.4%	8.2%	8.2%	8.4%	8.9%	8.7%	0.2	-0.3
POC 5 - Mental Health	20.2%	20.1%	19.9%	20.8%	20.4%	20.7%	0.2	-0.4
POC 6 - Learning Disability	11.6%	12.3%	10.7%	11.4%	12.3%	11.4%	-0.7	0.2
<i>Selected Specialties within the Acute Sector -</i>								
- General Surgery	11.0%	11.9%	12.2%	12.5%	12.7%	12.6%	-0.9	-1.6
- General Medicine	13.2%	13.8%	14.4%	14.8%	15.1%	15.0%	-0.6	-1.8
- T&O Surgery	13.6%	13.9%	13.6%	12.9%	13.0%	12.6%	-0.3	1.0
- ENT	12.0%	12.8%	12.9%	13.6%	14.2%	14.4%	-0.8	-2.4
- Ophthalmology	11.8%	11.8%	12.4%	12.4%	12.6%	11.9%	0.0	-0.1
- Plastic Surgery	14.9%	14.1%	14.6%	15.0%	15.0%	16.8%	0.8	-1.9
- Gynaecology	12.3%	13.1%	13.6%	14.3%	15.1%	15.1%	-0.8	-2.8
Other Acute Specialties	11.2%	11.5%	11.5%	12.1%	12.6%	12.9%	-0.3	-1.7

Source: KH09

Note: Percentages and percentage points are shown rounded to one decimal point. Percentage changes and percentage point changes are calculated using un-rounded numbers

Accident and Emergency Attendances

- Total attendances at Accident and Emergency Units in 2004/2005 showed an increase of 14,797 (2.2%) over the number of attendances recorded in 1999/2000. Over the past year there has been an increase of 1.7% in the number of Accident and Emergency Attendances.
- Over the five year period there was a 7.8% increase in first attendances but a 29.7% decrease in follow-up attendances.

Table 11: Attendances at Accident and Emergency Units 1999/2000 to 2004/2005

	Number of Accident and Emergency Attendances						Percentage Change 2003/04 - 2004/05	Percentage Change 1999/00 - 2004/05
	2004/2005	2003/2004	2002/2003	2001/2002	2000/2001	1999/2000		
Total Attendances	690,386	678,998	659,659	672,782	672,654	675,589	1.7%	2.2%
First Attendances	619,289	605,001	584,062	584,350	580,535	574,503	2.4%	7.8%
Follow-up Attendances	71,097	73,997	75,597	88,432	92,119	101,086	-3.9%	-29.7%

Source: KH09

Inpatient Waiting List

- The number waiting for inpatient treatment in Northern Ireland at 31st March 2005 showed a decrease of 182 (0.4%) on the number waiting at 31st March 2000. Comparing 31st March 2004 with 31st March 2005 the number waiting showed a decrease of 2,430 (4.9%).

Table 12: Inpatient waiting list March 2000 to March 2005

Time Waiting (months)	Number of Patients Awaiting Admission to Hospital						Percentage Change	Percentage Change
	31/03/2005	31/03/2004	31/03/2003	31/03/2002	31/03/2001	31/03/2000	31/03/2004 - 31/03/2005	31/03/2000 - 31/03/2005
0 - 2	23,332	22,577	22,770	21,986	21,228	19,824	3.3%	17.7%
3 - 5	10,817	10,339	10,605	11,005	9,788	9,373	4.6%	15.4%
6 - 8	5,569	5,922	5,919	6,409	6,167	5,283	-6.0%	5.4%
9 - 11	3,774	3,777	4,297	4,905	4,093	3,794	-0.1%	-0.5%
12 - 14	2,219	2,454	3,279	3,757	3,054	2,611	-9.6%	-15.0%
15 - 17	1,030	1,302	2,083	2,226	1,965	1,636	-20.9%	-37.0%
18 - 20	166	690	1,175	1,733	1,272	1,006	-75.9%	-83.5%
21 - 23	117	555	966	1,421	1,089	887	-78.9%	-86.8%
24+	499	2,359	4,483	5,554	3,989	3,313	-78.8%	-84.9%
Total	47,523	49,975	55,577	58,996	52,645	47,727	-4.9%	-0.4%

Source: CH1

Note: Data is representative of the position at the end of the quarter.

Outpatient Waiting List

- Comparing 31st March 2005 with 31st March 2000, the number waiting for a first outpatient appointment in Northern Ireland increased by 64,581. Over the past year the number has increased by 19,080 (12.9%).

Table 13: Outpatient Waiting List March 2000 to March 2005

Time Waiting (months)	Number of Patients Awaiting a first Outpatient Appointment						Percentage Change	Percentage Change
	31/03/2005	31/03/2004	31/03/2003	31/03/2002	31/03/2001	31/03/2000	31/03/2004 - 31/03/2005	31/03/2000 - 31/03/2005
0 - 2	65,879	63,480	60,451	59,722	59,595	55,514	3.8%	18.7%
3 - 5	33,498	28,639	27,594	25,379	22,154	20,020	17.0%	67.3%
6 - 8	20,953	15,947	16,372	13,559	12,722	10,401	31.4%	101.5%
9 - 11	13,480	10,916	10,985	9,678	8,654	5,913	23.5%	128.0%
12 - 14	8,569	7,132	6,790	6,212	5,285	2,987	20.1%	186.9%
15 - 17	5,187	4,831	4,851	4,175	2,843	1,663	7.4%	211.9%
18 - 20	3,796	3,465	3,392	3,205	2,002	1,216	9.6%	212.2%
21 - 23	2,923	2,460	2,939	2,476	1,453	925	18.8%	216.0%
24+	12,853	11,188	10,013	6,325	4,702	3,918	14.9%	228.1%
Total	167,138	148,058	143,387	130,731	119,410	102,557	12.9%	63.0%

Source: CH3

Note: Data is representative of the position at the end of the quarter