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Waiting times, excess deaths and Serious Adverse Incidents at Emergency Departments within the Trust

During the time period December 12, 2024 – January 20, 2025

At each of the RVH's EDs - RVH, RVHSC , the RVH Jubilee Maternity and the Mater Hospital: please separate each hospital

1. How many patients were admitted and waited for an inpatient bed longer than:
 - 12 hours
 - 18 hours
 - 24 hours
 - 48 hours
 - 72 hours
 - 100 hours

Waiting Time from the Decision to Admit the Patient until the Patient Leaves the Emergency Department	RVH Emergency Department	Mater Emergency Department	RBHSC Emergency Department
> 12 Hours	1115	582	13
> 18 Hours	815	420	<10
> 24 Hours	594	289	<10
> 48 Hours	214	75	0
> 72 Hours	88	16	0
>100 Hours	28	<10	0

2. What was the longest time a patient had to wait in ED (December 12, 2024 – January 20, 2025)

RVH Emergency Department	Mater Emergency Department	RBHSC Emergency Department
148 Hrs 59 Mins	150 Hrs 21 Mins	35 Hrs 17 Mins

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3. What was the longest time a patient had to wait in ED between 1 July to 31 December 2024

RVH Emergency Department	Mater Emergency Department	RBHSC Emergency Department
149 Hrs 28 Mins	269 Hrs 16 Mins	96 Hrs 47 Mins

4. How many patients died while either waiting in ED, or waiting for an inpatient bed (December 12, 2024 – January 20, 2025)

RVH Emergency Department	Mater Emergency Department	RBHSC Emergency Department
23	<10	<10

5. How many patients died while either waiting in ED, or waiting for an inpatient bed between 1 July to 31 December 2024

RVH Emergency Department	Mater Emergency Department	RBHSC Emergency Department
59	<10	<10

6. Does the Trust employ a measurement of “excess deaths”, and if so what are the figures for the two periods above

Information on excess death in Emergency Departments is not captured.

7. How many SAIs have been registered in the Hospital ED during this time period (December 12, 2024 – January 20, 2025)

< 5 SAIs were registered in the Belfast Trust Emergency Departments between 2 Dec 2024 and 20 Jan 2025.

8. How many SAIs have been registered in the Criagavon ED between 1 July to 31 December 2024

The above cannot be answered by Belfast Trust, please redirect to Craigavon Area Hospital.

We are unable to provide an exact figure where numbers are very low. To provide this level of information would reduce numbers to discoverable limits where the patients could be identifiable.

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