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Emergency Department Admission Delays

For each month from 1 August 2025 to 31 July 2026, please provide:

1. The number of patients attending a Type 1 Emergency Department within your Trust who had a decision made to admit but waited:
 - a) more than 12 hours for an inpatient bed;
 - b) more than 24 hours for an inpatient bed;
 - c) more than 48 hours for an inpatient bed;
 - d) more than 72 hours for an inpatient bed.

			Waiting More Than 12 Hours for an Inpatient Bed (Includes 24 Hr, 48 Hr and 72 Hr Waits)	Waiting More Than 24 Hours for an Inpatient Bed (Includes 48 Hr and 72 Hr Waits)	Waiting More Than 48 Hours for an Inpatient Bed (Includes 72 Hr Waits)	Waiting More Than 72 Hours for an Inpatient Bed
Emergency Department	Year	Month				
Royal Victoria Hospital Emergency Department	2025	Aug	381	81	9	<5
		Sep	402	50	<5	0
		Oct	518	98	<5	<5
		Nov	515	105	12	<5
		Dec	698	201	17	0
	2026	Jan	918	386	73	7
		Feb	728	225	32	<5
		Mar	501	84	7	0
		Apr	509	159	23	<5
		May	348	72	5	0
		Jun	370	76	<5	0
		Jul	400	78	7	<5
	Total			6288	1615	194
Mater Hospital Emergency Department	2025	Aug	219	65	6	<5
		Sep	322	137	27	<5
		Oct	322	112	12	<5
		Nov	279	94	23	<5
		Dec	286	89	12	<5
	2026	Jan	424	207	59	20
		Feb	326	159	34	6
		Mar	155	53	13	<5
		Apr	285	123	27	8
		May	215	69	6	0
		Jun	175	47	9	<5
		Jul	136	27	<5	<5
	Total			3144	1182	230
Royal Belfast Hospital For Sick Children Emergency Department	2025	Aug	0	0	0	0
		Sep	0	0	0	0
		Oct	<5	0	0	0
		Nov	0	0	0	0
		Dec	5	0	0	0
	2026	Jan	<5	0	0	0
		Feb	5	0	0	0
		Mar	<5	0	0	0
		Apr	<5	0	0	0
		May	0	0	0	0
		Jun	0	0	0	0
		Jul	<5	0	0	0
	Total			23	0	0
Grand Total			9455	2797	424	66

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- 2. The longest recorded time a patient waited for an inpatient bed following a decision to admit during this period.**

Emergency Department	Hours Waiting
Royal Victoria Hospital Emergency Department	243
Mater Hospital Emergency Department	163
Royal Belfast Hospital for Sick Children Emergency Department	23

- 3. The number of occasions during this period where patients awaiting admission were cared for in:**

- e) corridors;**
- f) temporary treatment areas;**
- g) other non-standard clinical spaces.**

In accordance with Section 1(1)(a) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000, we can confirm that Belfast Trust does not hold the information requested.

- 4. Whether the Trust records the number of patients waiting in Emergency Departments due to a lack of available inpatient beds. If so, please provide the figures for the period above.**

Section 21 applies where requested information is already publicly available and accessible to the requester. Emergency Department waiting time information is published by the Department of Health and can be accessed via:

[Emergency care waiting times | Department of Health](#)

- 5. The number of inpatient beds available across the Trust for each month during this period.**

Aug-25	Sep-25	Oct-25	Nov-25	Dec-25	Jan-26	Feb-26	Mar-26	Apr-26	May-26	Jun-26	Jul-26
1196	1196	1197	1197	1197	1197	1199	1199	1199	1199	1199	1199