

Improved access to elective surgery

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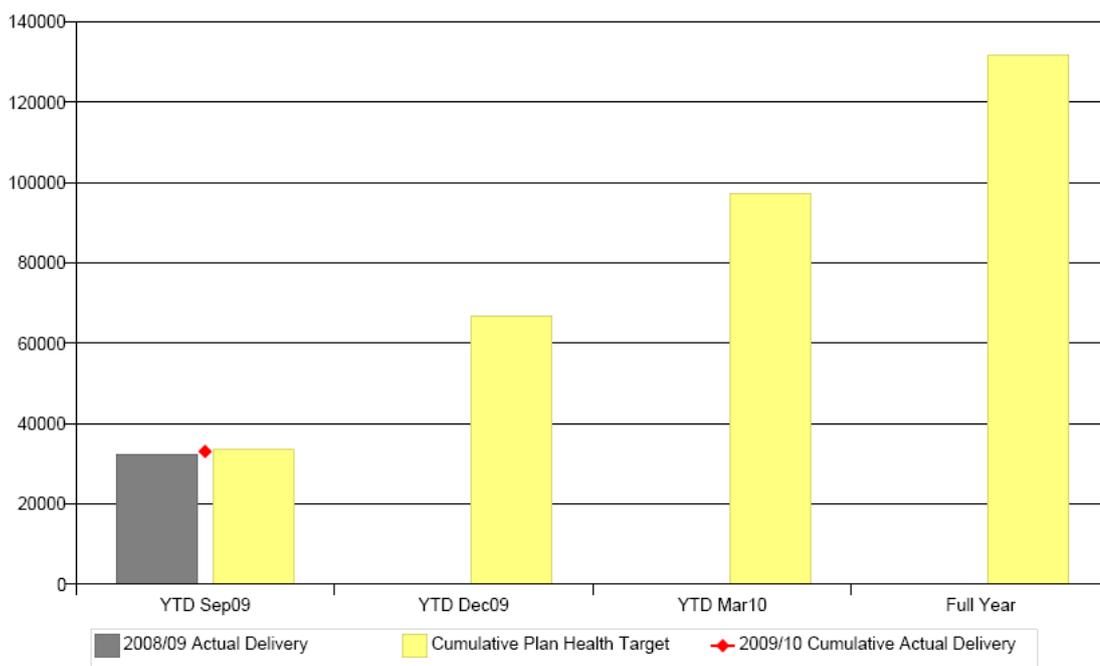
Progress Summary - Quarter One 2009/10

Each DHB has set a target number of publicly funded, casemix included, elective discharges in a surgical specialty for people living within the DHB region. Progress against this target is measured using data from the National Minimum Dataset (NMDS). The national target for 2009/10 is 131,718 discharges. Information to calculate quarter one performance was sourced from the NMDS on 2 November 2009.

Overall Results

Collectively DHBs achieved 98.4% of the target number of elective surgical discharges in quarter one; 33,009 elective surgical discharges were delivered, which was 553 discharges (1.6 percent) less than planned, but 678 discharges (2.1%) more than delivered in the first quarter last year. Quarter one delivery was under-reported as one DHB (Otago) had problems submitting information to national collections due to a change in patient management system. If Otago DHB had been able to submit information it is likely that the quarterly target would have been achieved.

At the individual level, eleven DHBs achieved their quarter one health target by delivering their agreed target number of discharges. Of these, four DHBs achieved a rating of outstanding by delivering at least 5% more discharges than their agreed target (Auckland, Nelson Marlborough, Waikato and Waitemata). A further seven DHBs were rated as partially achieved, as although they delivered less than their quarterly targets, they submitted reports containing actions that will address the under-delivery and provides confidence that they will achieve the full year target.



Additional information

Source data for the graph

	YTD Sep09	YTD Dec09	YTD Mar10	Full Year
Planned Health Target	33,562	66,783	97, 251	131,718
Actual Delivery	33,009			
Plan to Actual Variance	-553			
Percent of Plan Achieved	98%			
2008/09 Actual Delivery	32,331			

National Summary

DHB Rating	Quarter 1	Quarter 2	Quarter 3	Full Year
Northland	Achieved			
Waitemata	Outstanding			
Auckland	Outstanding			
Counties Manukau	Partially Achieved			
Waikato	Outstanding			
Lakes	Achieved			
Bay of Plenty	Not Achieved			
Tairāwhiti	Achieved			
Taranaki	Partially Achieved			
Hawkes Bay	Not Achieved			
MidCentral	Achieved			
Whanganui	Partially Achieved			
Capital and Coast	Partially Achieved			
Hutt Valley	Partially Achieved			
Wairarapa	Achieved			
Nelson Marlborough	Outstanding			
West Coast	Partially Achieved			
Canterbury	Achieved			
South Canterbury	Partially Achieved			
Otago	Not Achieved			
Southland	Achieved			

Definitions of the Levels of Achievement

Indicator

The volume of elective surgery will be increased by an average 4,000 discharges per year (compared with the previous average increase of 1400 per year).

Target Champion

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Rationale

As signalled in the 2009/10 Minister's Letter of Expectations, the government wants the public health system to deliver better, sooner, more convenient healthcare for all New Zealanders.

Over the period 2000/01 to 2007/08 the number of publicly funded elective surgical discharges rose by an average of 1,432 discharges per annum. The growth in elective surgical discharges did not keep up with population growth over this period. The Minister has set an expectation that the annual increase in elective surgical discharges will improve. The growth in elective surgical discharges will increase access and should achieve genuine reductions in waiting times for patients.

2009/10 Deliverables

The number of elective surgical discharges provided nationally will increase by an average of 4,000 discharges per annum.

DHBs will be required to report on progress quarterly on an exception basis against the target agreed in their District Annual Plan. This level of reporting will provide early warnings of any DHB that may be experiencing difficulty in achieving their annual target and provide the opportunity for corrective actions to be undertaken.

Reporting period

Quarterly reporting. Note reporting for this measure operates on a delayed timetable – not as per the Operational Policy Framework – as the hospital activity needed for reporting is not available until one month after the quarter ends. Data will be made available to DHBs via the Electives Services Quickplace website. Electives services Managers, GMs Funding and Planning will be notified via email that the data is available.

Expectations

At a national level DHBs will deliver an average increase of 4,000 elective discharges each year in surgical specialties. Each DHB will identify a minimum level of elective surgery to be provided to the people living in its regions in the 2009/10 District Annual Plan (DAP). The level of surgery to be provided should be determined by the DHB's actual level of service in the previous financial year (2007/08), the level of service planned in the current financial year (2008/09), and the achievement of equitable access to elective surgery relative to other DHBs.

There will be four levels of achievement for this indicator; Outstanding Performer, Achieved, Partially Achieved and Not Achieved. A rating will be determined for each indicator.

Quantitative measures

DHBs will set a target number of publicly funded, casemix included, elective discharges in a surgical specialty (defined by surgical purchase units excluding dental) for people living within the DHB region. Performance will be measured using data from the National Minimum Data Set (NMDS).

Achievement Levels

	Full Year	Quarterly (year to date)
Outstanding Performer	DHB delivers at least 5% more elective surgical discharges than their agreed target.	DHB delivers at least 5% more elective surgical discharges than their agreed target.
Achieved	DHB delivers their agreed target number of elective surgical discharges.	DHB delivers their agreed target number of elective surgical discharges.
Partially Achieved	DHB does not deliver their agreed target but delivers more elective surgical discharges than the previous year.	DHB delivers less than their agreed quarterly target but submits a report that meets Ministry approval by providing the reasons for under-delivery and an action plan as to how it will address the under-delivery and achieve the full year target.
Not Achieved	DHB delivers less than the number of elective surgical discharges required for partially achieved (above).	DHB delivers less than their agreed quarterly target and either does not submit a report or does not submit a report that meets Ministry approval.

Baseline information

Elective services health target baselines can be found on the Ministry of Health website under Health Target Reporting. <http://www2.moh.govt.nz/QuickPlace/electiveservices/Main.nsf>.