



Endoscopy Services Capacity Report

Northern Ireland

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BACKGROUND

The NICaN Modernising Endoscopy Services Project began in 2007. Its purpose is to complete a programme of modernisation for gastrointestinal endoscopy services across Northern Ireland. The project aims to ensure that endoscopy services are:

- Patient focused
- Quick and easy to access
- Fair
- Clinically effective
- Modern
- Meeting agreed standards
- Ready for the introduction of Bowel Cancer Screening in 2009

The first step was to get a picture of what endoscopy services in Northern Ireland are like at present, so the 'Endoscopy Services Capacity Audit' was carried out from 15th October 2007 to 9th November 2007.

REPORT DESCRIPTION

This report shows findings from the Endoscopy Services Capacity Audit for Northern Ireland as a whole. It includes information gathered at a series of meetings between nominated Trust representatives and the Regional Clinical Lead for Endoscopy, the Regional Training Lead for Endoscopy and the Project Coordinator between November 2007 and January 2008.

RELATED DOCUMENTS

Separate reports have been produced for each Trust. The data gathered in the audit is available in excel format for Northern Ireland as a whole and for each Trust.

A 'Service Improvement Brief' has been developed for all Trusts. It contains tools, techniques and sources of support for endoscopy service redesign and improvement. Further information about the Modernising Endoscopy Services Project is available from the NICaN website www.nican.n-i.nhs.uk.

SCOPE AND DATA

This report provides a current picture of endoscopy services in Northern Ireland. It does not

provide adequate data to measure demand, capacity, backlog and activity in the same units for the same period of time, e.g. one week, one month.

Craigavon and South Tyrone submitted most of the data for Craigavon and South Tyrone as one endoscopy unit, but submitted other data relating to each unit separately. There are 17 endoscopy units in Northern Ireland, but for this reason it occasionally appears that there are only 16 units.

STRUCTURE OF ENDOSCOPY SERVICES IN NORTHERN IRELAND

The document 'List of Key Contacts – Endoscopy Services Northern Ireland' can be downloaded from the NICaN website. The following grid has been taken from that document and shows all endoscopy units in Northern Ireland by Trust.

Belfast	Northern	South Eastern	Southern	Western
Belfast City Hospital	Antrim Area Hospital	Ards Hospital	Craigavon Hospital	Altnagelvin Area Hospital
Mater Hospital	Causeway Hospital	Downe Hospital	Daisy Hill Hospital	Erne Hospital
Royal Victoria Hospital	Mid-Ulster Hospital	Lagan Valley Hospital	South Tyrone Hospital	Tyrone County Hospital
	Whiteabbey Hospital	Ulster Hospital		

Table 1

TRUST POPULATION SIZES

Belfast	Northern	South Eastern	Southern	Western
340,000	440,000	440,000	327,000	290,000

(Data from Trust web sites)

Table 2

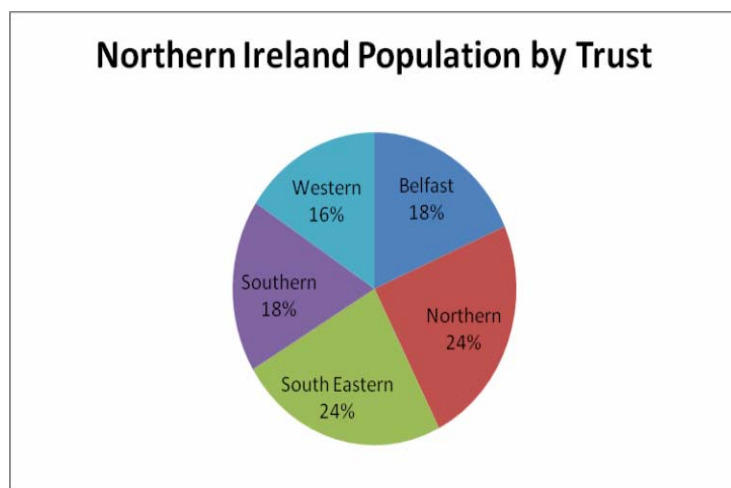


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