

Reference: FOI.ICB-2223/229

Subject: Electives Inequalities Data

*I can confirm that the ICB **does hold some of information requested**; please see responses below:*

QUESTION	RESPONSE
<p>Has your ICB completed any analysis of inequalities in elective waiting times based on a) ethnicity of patients b) socio-economic/ IMD status of patients c) any other characteristic?</p> <p>If so:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Please could you provide details on what your ICB has analysed - including how many patients, which ethnic/ economic groups and over which timeframe. ii. What were the results of this analysis, were any disparities in waiting times identified between the groups described above? If so, please give figures on the disparities identified. iii. Has your ICB published this analysis? If so- please send a link. If not, please explain why iv. Could you also summarise any action your ICB has taken in response to the analysis described above? <p>If not:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. please could you detail a) whether your ICB is planning any analysis of health inequalities in elective wating times 	<p>BNSSG ICB (Bristol, North Somerset and South Gloucestershire Integrated Care Board) has analysed elective waiting times based on ethnicity of patients and IMD status of patients.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. There were ~76,000 patients included in the analysis. The ethnic groups were white, non-white and unknown. The IMD quintiles were 1-5. The date range was from July 2021-July 2022. ii. There were no significant disparities in overall waiting times among the white, non-white and unknown ethnic groups. Potential inequalities may exist where it is observed that certain IMD quintiles have a greater proportion of their population in the longer waiting bands. This can be observed in the 78+ week cohort, where there appears to be a relationship between higher deprivation and more long waiting patients. iii. This analysis went to the Outcomes, Performance and Quality Committee in November 2022 and was due to be published with the December 2022 ICB Board papers,

<p>b) what this analysis will cover c) when this will be carried out and d) what your ICB is doing to ensure equitable treatment of different groups on elective waiting lists.</p> <p>ii. Is your ICB planning to publish this analysis? If not, please explain why.</p> <p>iii. If your ICB is not planning any analysis as described above, please explain why not.</p>	<p>Unfortunately the analysis was not published or included with the papers, but has been added to the website as of 16th March 2023</p> <p>https://bnssg.icb.nhs.uk/events/integrated-care-board-icb-board-meeting-1-december-2022/</p> <p>iv. BNSSG ICB continues to develop our approach towards Health Inequalities. A system group has been established with the aim of preventing and reducing any identified inequalities in Elective Care, and includes representatives from NBT, UHBW, Sirona, Public Health and the ICB. A key focus of this group is to improve data quality, as through the analysis mentioned above it was identified that there could be improvements made in the recording of ethnicity data. Individual organisations have implemented plans to improve ethnicity recording, including raising staff awareness of the importance of recording demographic data, using the opportunity to update records during health awareness days and ethnicity recording is improving as a result of these initiatives. A further action that has been a direct result of the analysis activity, is focussed on DNA. A collaborative project <i>Reducing Inequalities in Outpatient Services</i> across both BNSSG Trusts is underway and has started with an initial focus on Cardiology Services. The aim of this project is to reduce inequalities in healthcare by implementing change that will reduce the number of patients who do not attend their cardiology outpatient</p>
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	appointment at NBT and UHBW. It is intended that the learning of this project is shared widely among other services.
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The information provided in this response is accurate as of 21 March 2023 and has been approved for release by Lisa Manson, Director of Performance and Delivery for NHS Bristol, North Somerset and South Gloucestershire ICB.