

Briefing paper for on Elective Waiting Times for all Brent Patients

1.0 Introduction

1.1 NHS Brent as a commissioner for hospital services is responsible for ensuring that patients wait within nationally set targets. Until 2011/12, the target was that patients should wait no longer than 18 weeks between referral from GP to treatment. The target in 2011/12 is 95% of patients should be seen in outpatients within 18.3 weeks and that 95% of patients should have been seen within 23 weeks. Currently 95% of Brent patients are seen from referral to treatment within 23.84 weeks.

1.2 The target for incomplete pathways for patients still waiting for treatment at the end of January 2012 is the 95th percentile, which is 21.4 weeks.

2.0 Performance

2.1 This paper provides information on average waiting time in weeks for outpatients and inpatients – Appendix 1. It also shows the trend of the 95th percentile between April 2010 and January 2012. Appendix 1 shows performance graphs.

3.0 Implications

3.1 The average waiting time for patients to start treatment is relatively short. The average waiting time for outpatients is approximately 15 weeks, whereas the target is 18 weeks. The range of inpatients is between 18 – 25 weeks and Central Middlesex Hospital have produced a Recovery Plan that will ensure that the time period is a maximum of 23 weeks (which is the national target).

4.0 Conclusion

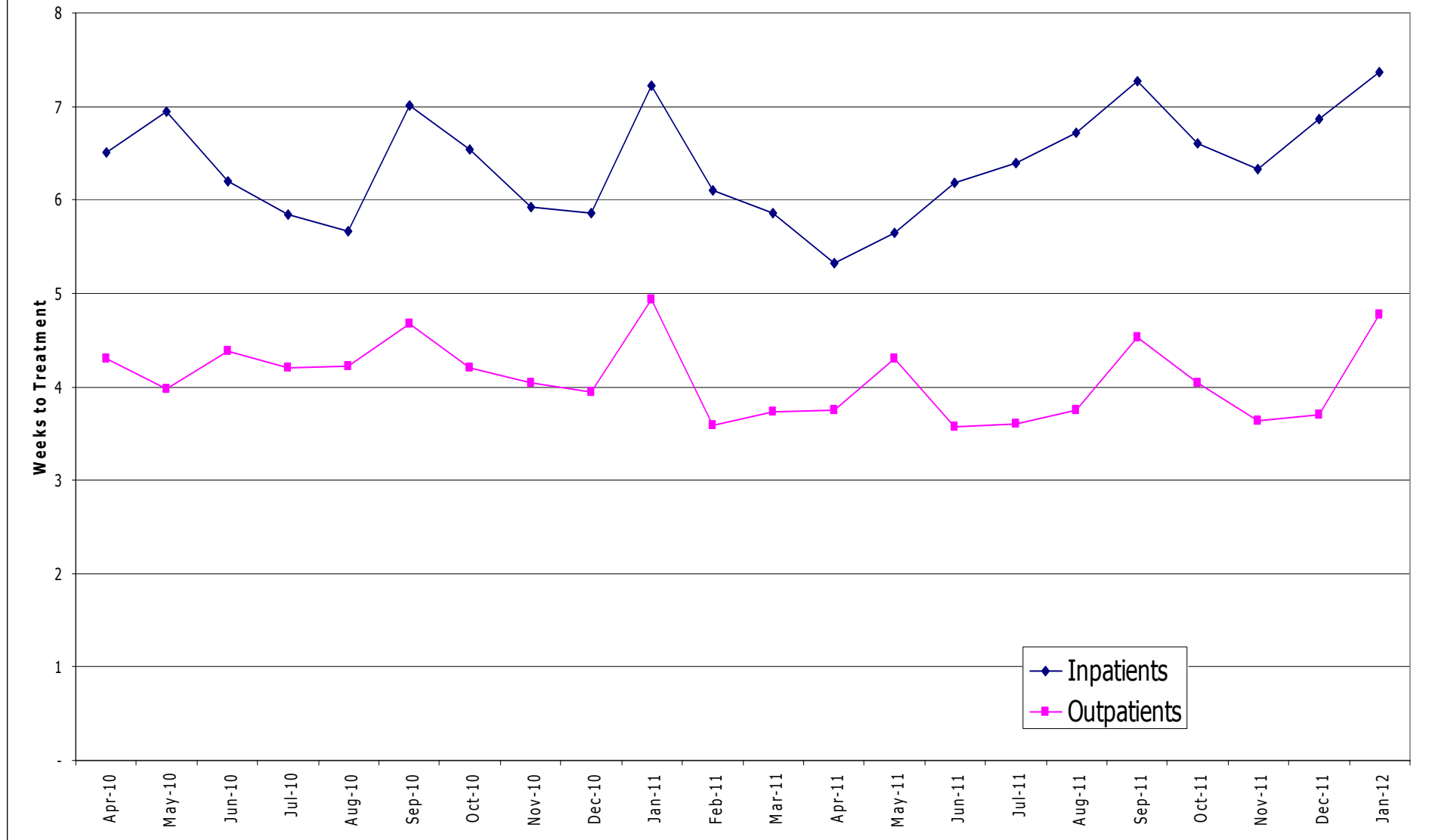
4.1 Members are asked to:

- Note the contents of this report
- Give an indication of when they would like a further update

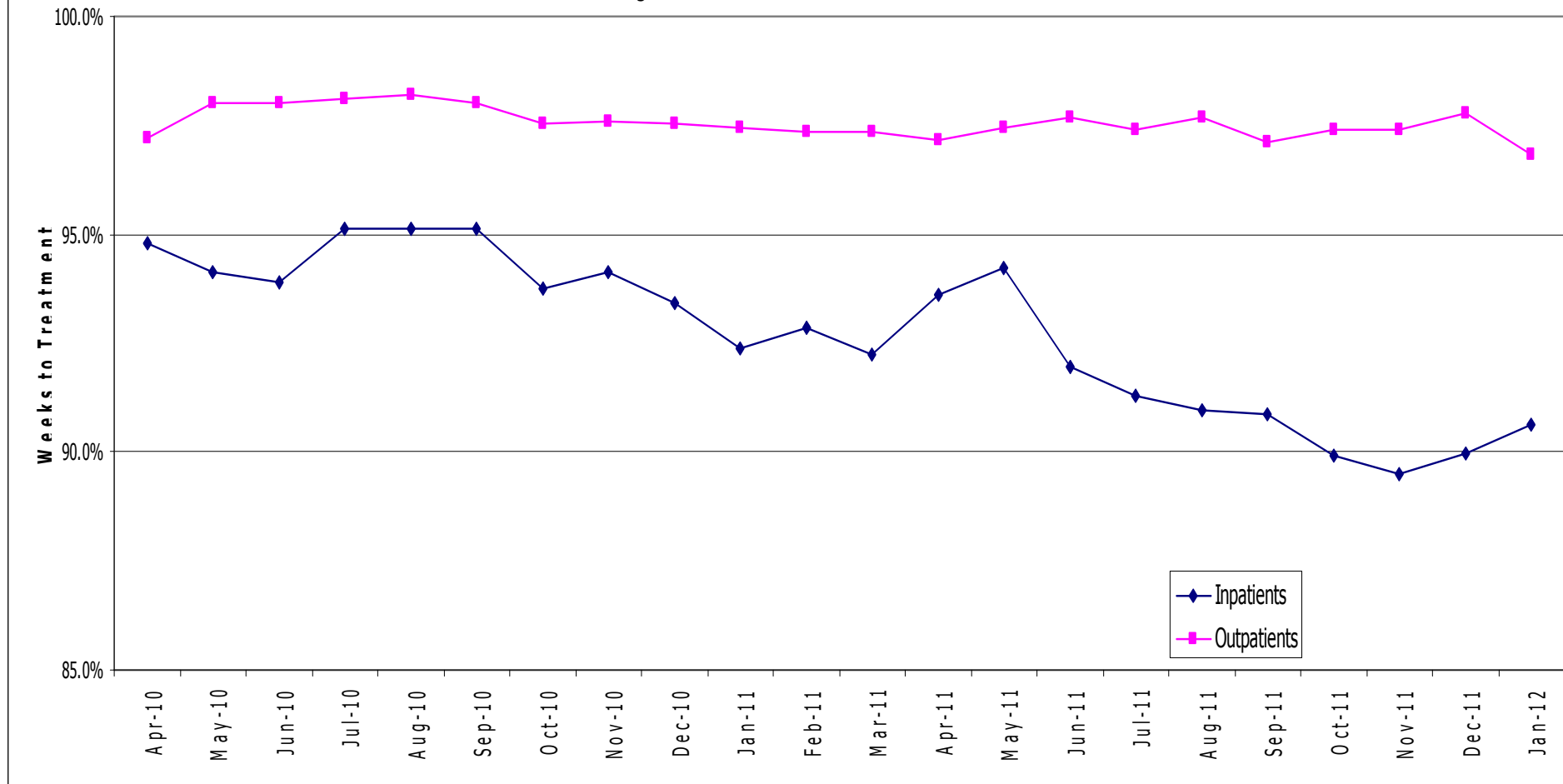
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Brent PCT: Average Waiting times from Referral to Treatment



Brent PCT: Percentage of Patients seen in 18 Weeks from Referral to Treatment



Brent PCT: Waiting Time for 95th Percentile of Patients

