

Table 9.2 Median intervals between decision to operate and arrival in theatre by NCEPOD urgency category for patients with a non-elective admission

| NCEPOD urgency category | Number | Median [IQR] interval between DTO and arriving in theatre (hours) | Proportion meeting stated timeliness target (%) |
|-------------------------|--------|---|---|
| Immediate < 2hrs | 1,994 | 1.5 [1 – 2.2] | 1,416 (71%) |
| Urgent 2a 2–6hrs | 7,720 | 2.8 [1.8 - 4.8] | 6,441 (83.4%) |
| Urgent 2b 6–18hrs | 6,024 | 6.2 [3 – 17.8] | 4,568 (75.8%) |
| Expedited > 18hrs | 2,689 | 21.4 [6.2 – 32] | N/A |
| Missing | 9 | 5.8 [2.8 – 18.2] | N/A |