

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