

Question on Notice

Health and Environment Committee

Public Briefing - 22 March 2021

QUESTION asked by the Member for Oodgeroo (Dr Robinson) -

In relation to Redland Hospital, statistics show that 32 per cent of patients are waiting longer than the recommended 30 minutes. This represents a 13 per cent increase over December 2019. Is the system slipping?

ANSWER

It is assumed the question is referring to the Patient off Stretcher (POST) performance for the last quarter of 2020.

The POST performance for that quarter was 68%. Since that quarter Metro South Hospital and Health Service has received ongoing funding to support the implementation of Transfer Initiative Nurses (TIN) at Redland Hospital. The implementation of TIN Nurses has been demonstrated to decrease handover time between Queensland Ambulance Service and Emergency Departments.

The same published quarterly performance data (Quarter 2, 2020-21) confirms that 100 per cent all category 1 presentations were seen within the clinically recommended time in. This is despite a 13 percent increase of the most urgent presentations, when compared to the same period last year.

Furthermore, in the same period, September 2020 to December 2020, 75.68 per cent of all patients were seen within the clinically recommended time.

To alleviate current bed pressures across the system due to high growth in both planned and unplanned care, a decision has been made to invest a further \$25 million to specifically commission additional inpatient bed capacity.