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Q1 How many elective Theatres do you currently have in your Trust?

A1 12 in main theatre and 6 in day surgery

Q2 How many Recovery beds do you have for elective surgery currently in your Trust?

A2 13 in main theatre and 8 in day surgery

Q3 How many chairs/trolleys are available for adults/children for day case procedures

A3 Alder Hey Children's NHS Foundation Trust does not routinely treat adults.

Trolleys – 28

Chairs – These are made available on request within the hospital site, Theatres do not have a set amount of chairs available within the department

Q4 How many beds are available for adults/children for elective inpatient procedures?

A4 Alder Hey Children's NHS Foundation Trust does not routinely treat adults

Our surgical ward capacity is

- 1C = 23 patients (capacity)
- Neo = 9 patients
- Burns = 5 patients
- 3a = 32 patients
- 4a = 32 patients

If there is a need for further beds these are made available on request.

Q5 Do you have a separate enhanced recovery areas for elective procedures?

A5 No

Q6 For your Theatre Utilisation metric which is reported nationally, do you use capped touchtime utilisation (*The total intercase downtime (minutes) / (Count of Cases - Count of Lists\*)*) or uncapped touch time utilisation (*Total Touchtime / Planned Duration*) \* 100. The [End Time] is automatically truncated, if the time extends past the [Session Planned End Time]? If not, please specify your definition.

A6 As a theatre department we do not use touch time utilisation yet

Q7 Do you include cancellation on the day in your Theatre Utilisation metric?

A7 Yes

Q8 Which activity do you exclude for the Theatre Utilisation metric for the national data sent to NHS England? (i.e. CEPOD, trauma, chronic pain)

A8 Trauma and CEPOD

Q9 What are the Key Performance Indicator targets which your Trust currently reviews performance against for the below metrics? E.g. Theatre Utilisation KPI target – 85% considered best practice

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| Metric   | Target (KPI)   |
|--|--|
| Percentage of Late Starts (%): $(\text{Total Number of Late Starts} / \text{Total Number of Completed Lists}) * 100$   | 10%  |
| Average turnaround time (in mins) $\frac{\text{The total intercase downtime (minutes)}}{(\text{Count of Cases} - \text{Count of Lists}^*)}$  | Information not held – we do not measure against this metric |
| Capped Theatre Utilisation (%): $(\text{Total Touchtime} / \text{Planned Duration}) * 100$ . The [End Time] is automatically truncated, if the time extends past the [Session Planned End Time]    | We currently do not use touch time, KPI utilisation is 90%   |
| Uncapped Theatre Utilisation (%): $(\text{Total Touchtime} / \text{Planned Duration}) * 100$   | 90 %   |
| Cancellations on the Day (%): (Cancelled on the day over number of planned cases).   | 2 %  |
| Percentage of Early Finishes (%) (Total sessions which finished early minus any time schedule for procedures which were cancelled on the day divided by total sessions with a planned finish time) | We do not reduce sessions for cancellations                  |
| Percentage of Early Finishes (%) ( Total sessions where the finish time is greater than the planned finish time divided by total sessions with a planned finish time)                              | 10% or less  |

Q10 What are your AM, PM and ALL Day Planned Session Start and End Times on your Theatre templates?

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| Session | Planned session start time | Planned session end time |
|---------|----------------------------|--------------------------|
| AM      | 0845                       | 1245                     |
| PM      | 1345                       | 1745                     |
| ALL DAY | 0900                       | 1700                     |

Q11 What time are your briefings prior to the Theatre lists starting?

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| <i>Session</i> | <i>Time of Briefing</i> |
|----------------|-------------------------|
| <i>AM</i>      | 830                     |
| <i>PM</i>      | 1330                    |
| <i>ALL DAY</i> | 0830                    |

Q12 Do your Pain Management lists have a different planned session start and end time to other specialty Theatre sessions? If so, what are they?

A12 We do not have set pain lists in our schedule, we run Rheumatology lists for arthritis (if that is counted as pain lists) etc but these are all counted in our normal elective utilisation metrics

Q13 Do you currently have a grace period for Late Starting Lists? (e.g. Planned session start time is 08:30, but late start not considered as 08:45 into anaesthetist room). If so, how long is this grace period?

A13 Yes, 15 minutes

Q14 Do you currently have a grace period for Late Finishing Lists? (e.g. Planned session end time is 16:30, but late finish not considered as 16:45). If so, how long is this grace period?

A14 Yes, 15 minutes

Q15 Are your pain management lists included in the Theatre Utilisation metric?

A15 As per A12

Q16 Are your elective orthopaedic and trauma lists included in Theatre Utilisation metric?

A16 Elective – Yes  
 Trauma - No

Q17 What clinical system/s do you currently use in Theatres for scheduling lists?

A17 Meditech

Q18 If you would be happy to be contacted for further information, please put your contact details below.

A18 The Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA) gives rights of public access to information held by public authorities; this information is not held in recorded format.