

# Quarterly National Ambulance Data Report

Complete Demand, Response and Hospital Handover Data to the end of June 2025

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# 2. Summary and Contents for June 2025



June shows consistent demand in call and incident volumes. Response times slowed compared with May, but each category was faster than June 2024. Hear-and-Treat continues to grow, while Conveyance is shrinking as a percentage of outcomes - but not in actual numbers. Seasonal changes in handover delays show a fall in volume, but in context, delays remain high.

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- Demand remains steady, with the long-term trend showing a gradual increase in 999-calls answered.
- Mean call answer time increased to four-seconds, but has not exceeded five seconds in 2025 to-date.
- June saw the sixth highest volume of incidents to-date, with month-on-month growth in Categories-1-and-2, and (slight) month-on-month contraction for Categories-3-and-4.
- All mean-response times were slower compared with May, but faster compared with June
   2024. Category-2 mean-response remains under thirty minutes.
- Hear-and-Treat outcomes accounted for 17-percent of outcomes in June, the second highest proportion to-date.
- While share of Conveyance-to-Emergency-Departments decreased, volume increased: June 2025 had the highest average daily volume of any June since 2021.
- Delays, and the hours lost to those delays, have fallen since December in some cases quite dramatically. However, this is a clear seasonal trend seen over the past three years, and volumes in June 2025 exceed those recorded in June 2023, and in most cases the 12-month totals show some of the highest numbers on record.



# **Section 1**

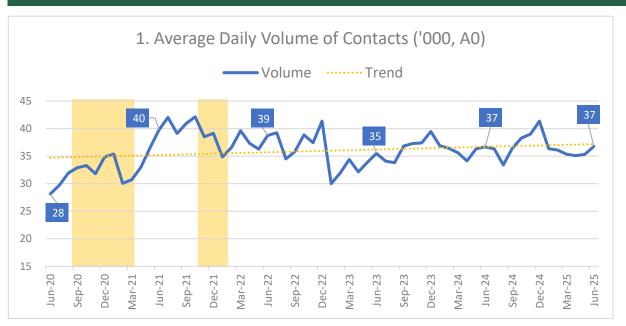
# Contact Volume and Call Answer time

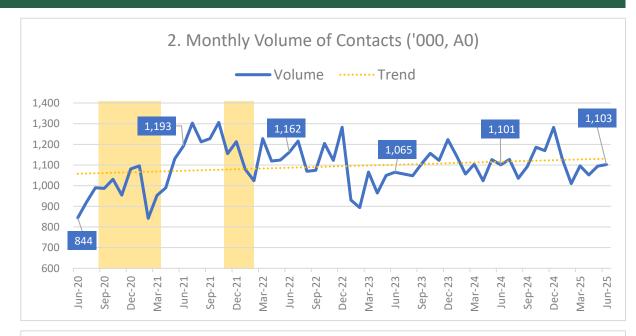
- <u>Demand: Volume of Contacts</u>
- Demand: Volume of 999 Calls Answered
- Demand: Call Answering Time
- Calls: Monthly Growth and Answer Time, Range

# 4. Demand: Volume of Contacts to Ambulance Control Rooms (Measure A0)



Demand remains high in June 2025, which saw the highest volume of contacts for any month of June since 2022. The annualised total reached over 13-million, the highest in three years.





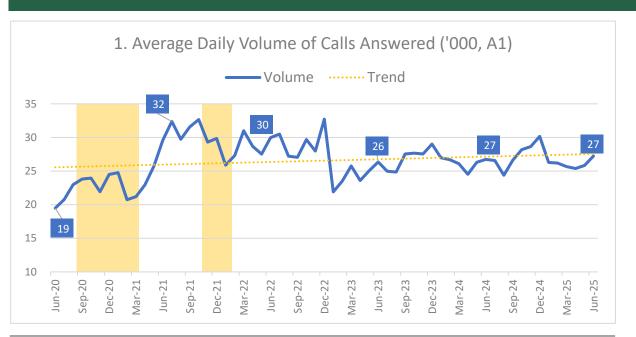


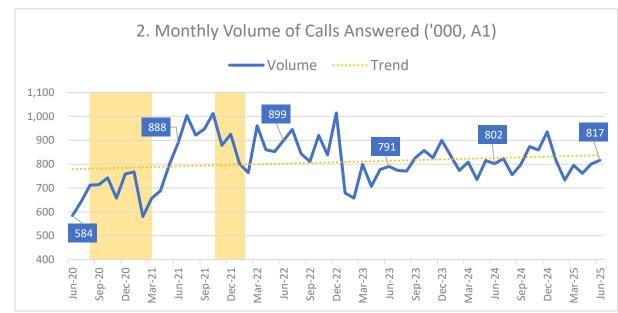


# 5. Demand: Volume of 999 Calls-Answered (Measure A1)

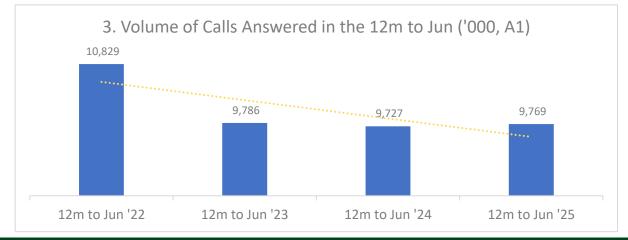


As with contacts overall, the number of 999 calls-answered saw a month-on-month increase to return the highest volume of any June since 2022. The annualised volume has hovered around the 9.8-million mark for the past three years.





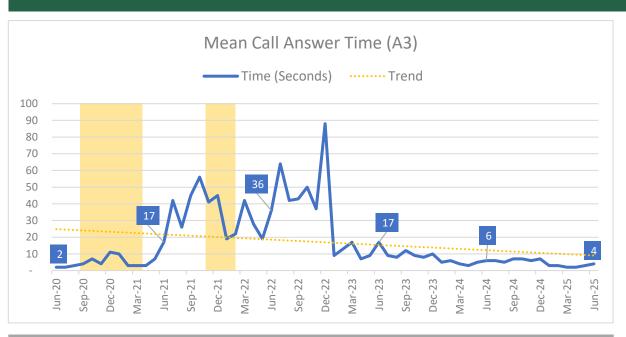


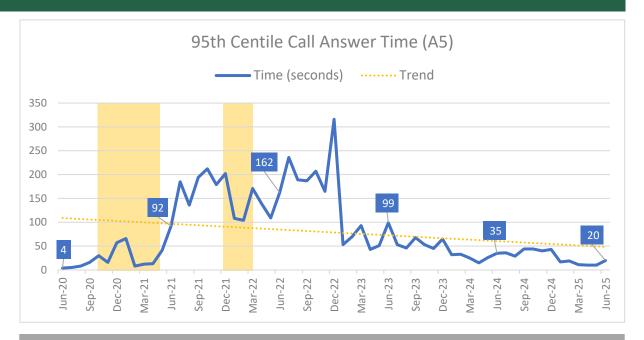


# 6. Demand: Call Answer Time (999, Measures A3 and A5)



Mean call answer-time has not exceeded five seconds in 2025 so far, but has increased from two-seconds in April to four-seconds in June. The 95<sup>th</sup> centile time is also faster than 12-months ago, but increased to 20-seconds in June, the slowest in 2025 to-date.





## Mean Call Answer Time for June 2025: Fast Facts

Rank in series to-date 14<sup>th</sup> fastest Change from May 2025

1 sec slower

Change from June 2024

2 secs faster

#### 95<sup>th</sup> centile Answer Time for June 2025: Fast Facts

Rank in series to-date:

17<sup>th</sup> fastest

Change from May 2025

10 secs slower

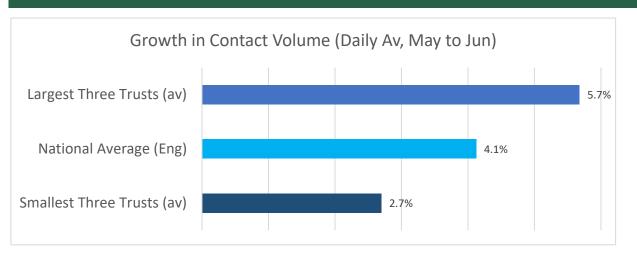
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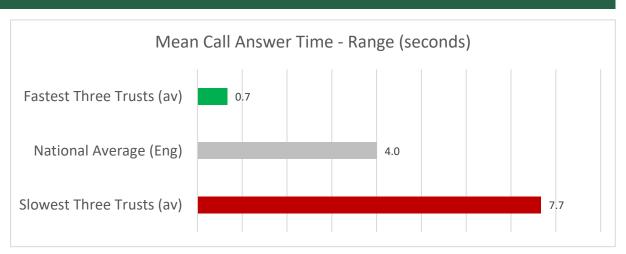
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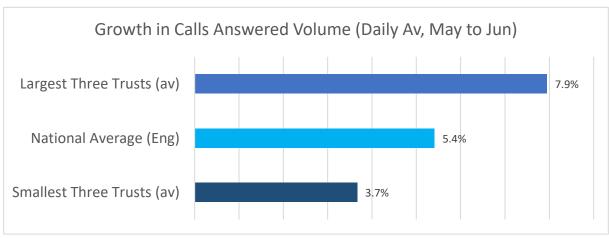
# 7. Calls: Range of Month-on-Month Growth and Call Answer Time, June 2025

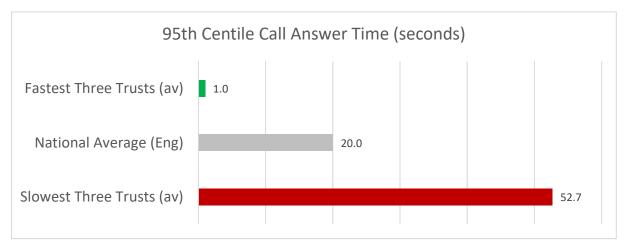


The month-on-month growth in calls-answered between May and June averaged around five-percent, but was nearly eight-percent for outlying trusts. Mean call answer time ranged from under one-second for the fastest three trusts to just under eight-seconds for the slowest three.









Notes: Fastest/ Slowest shows the average time from the fastest three, and slowest three trusts in England. Calculation excludes Isle of Wight.



# **Section 2**

# Incidents and Response Time, by Category

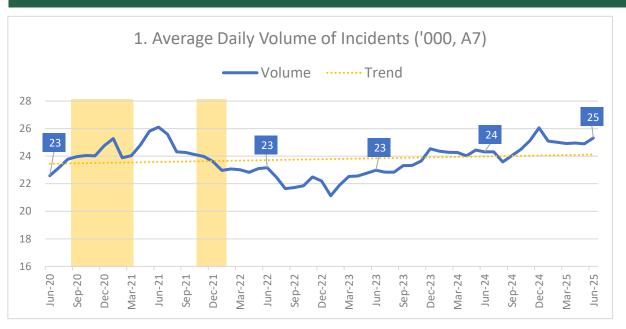
- Demand: All Incidents
- Share of Incidents by Category
- Share of Incidents, Range
- Monthly Growth in Incident Volumes, Range
- Demand: C1 Incidents
- Demand: C1T Incidents (NEW)
- Demand: C2 Incidents
- Demand: C3 Incidents
- Demand: C4 Incidents

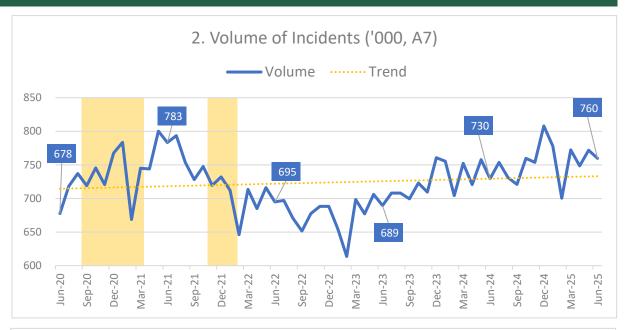
- Demand: S136 Incidents
- Demand: C1 Response Times
- Demand: C2 Response Times
- C1 and C2 Response Times, Range
- <u>Demand: C3 Response Times</u>
- Demand: C4 Response Times
- C3 and C4 Response Times, Range
- <u>Demand: S136 Response Times</u>

# 9. Demand: All Incidents (A7)

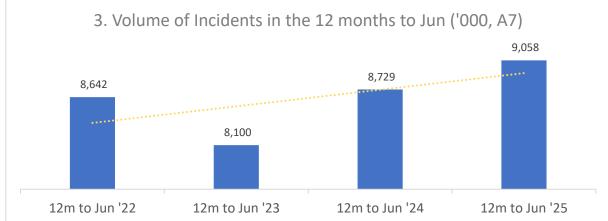


June 2025 recorded the sixth highest average daily figure to-date. Both the average daily, and monthly data show a steady increase in demand from late 2022 to-date, a trend clear in the annualised data which saw the 12-month total exceed nine-million.





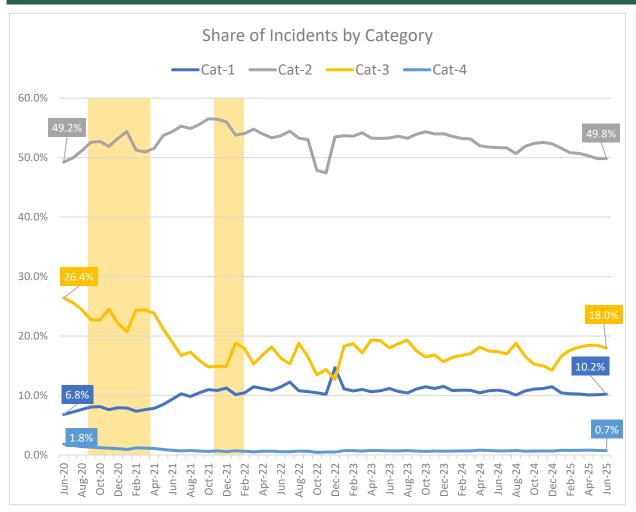


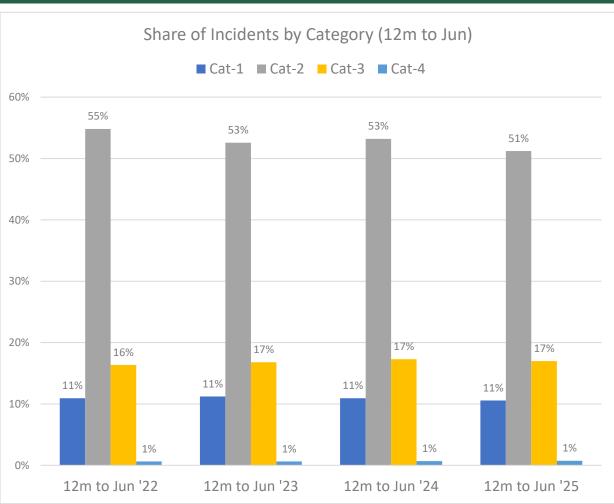


## 10. Demand: Share of Incidents by Category



Category-2 incidents as a share of the total have decreased slightly since 2022, while Category-3 has seen a very slight increase. Broadly, however, the proportions for each category have remained largely unchanged over the past four years.

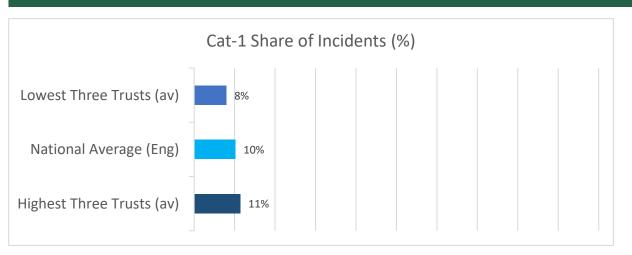


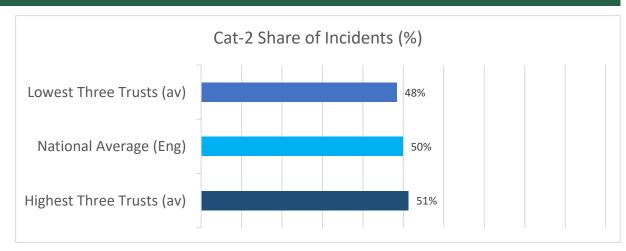


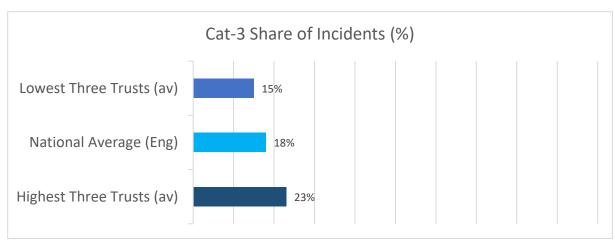
## 11. Range, Share of Incidents, June 2025

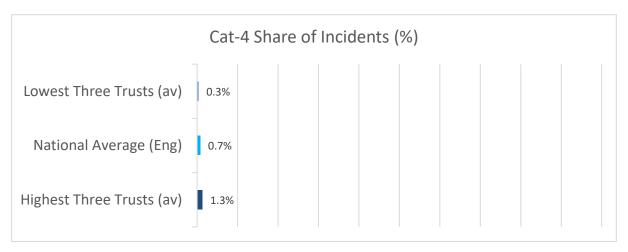


Share of incidents vary by trust, with Category-3 having the greatest difference (eight percentage points), Categories-1-and-2 both three percentage points, and Category-4 one percentage point.







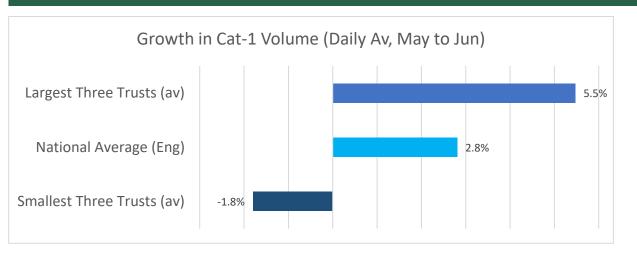


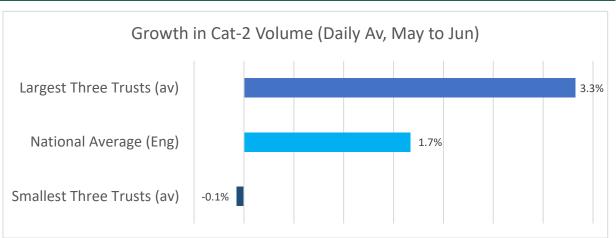
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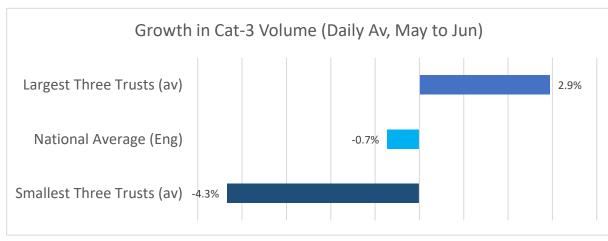
# 12. Range, Month-on-Month Growth in Average Daily Incident Volumes, June 2025

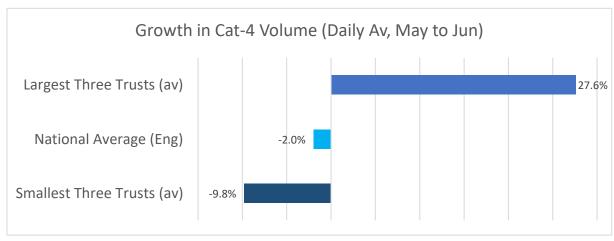


Growth in incident volumes varies notably by outlying trusts, ranging from strong contraction to – in the case of Category-4 incidents – double digit growth.







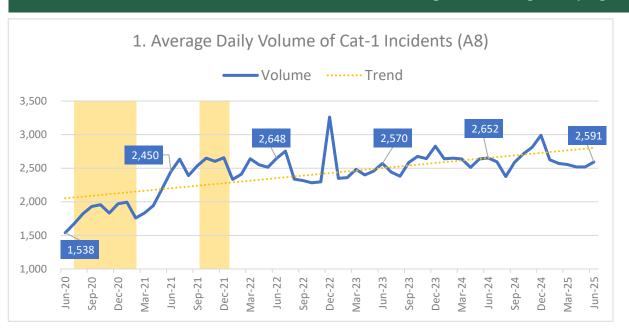


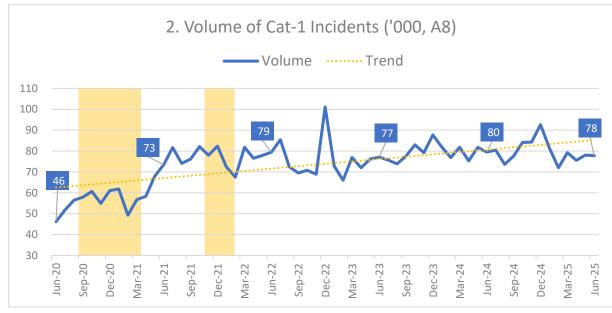
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# 13. Demand: Category-1 Incidents (A8)

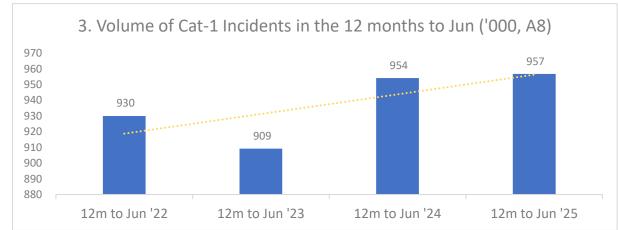


Category-1 incidents have seen steady growth throughout the decade so far. The last 12-months saw the highest volume of Category-1 incidents in four years – although the average daily figure is slightly lower than June 2024.





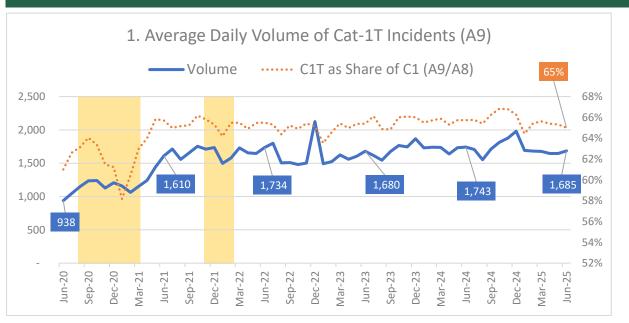


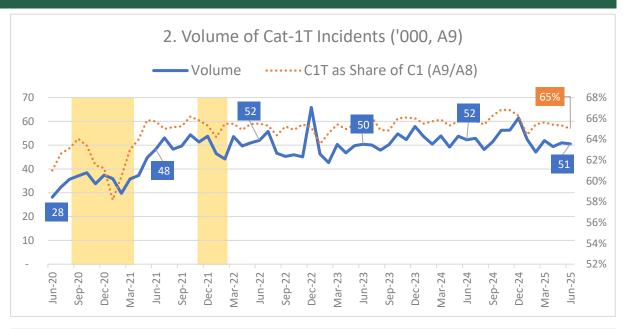


## 14. Demand: Category-1T Incidents (A9) (Cat-1 patients conveyed by an ambulance service emergency vehicle)

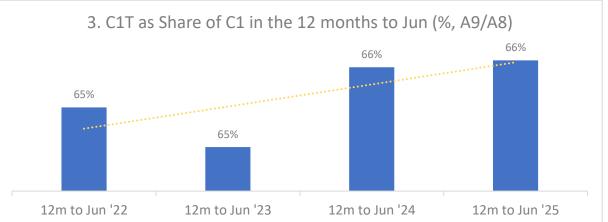


On average, 1,685 Category-1 patients were transported by an emergency vehicle each day in June, a slight increase compared with May, but slightly fewer than June 2024. These account for around two thirds of all Category-1 incidents, a proportion that has been consistent since 2022.





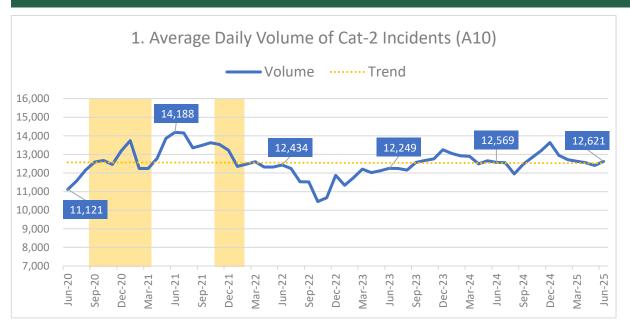


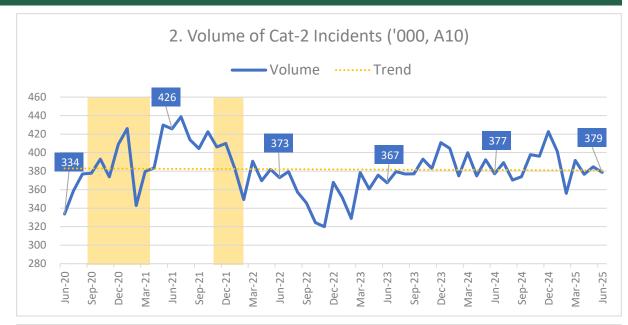


# 15. Demand: Category-2 Incidents (A10)

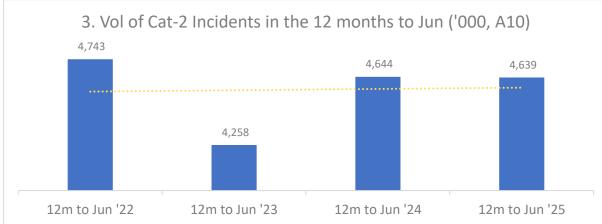


Category 2 incidents have seen a slight but steady increase since mid-2022, reaching 12,621 incidents per-day in June 2025. The annualised data for the past two years show a flatter trend, however, with around 4.6-million incidents each period.





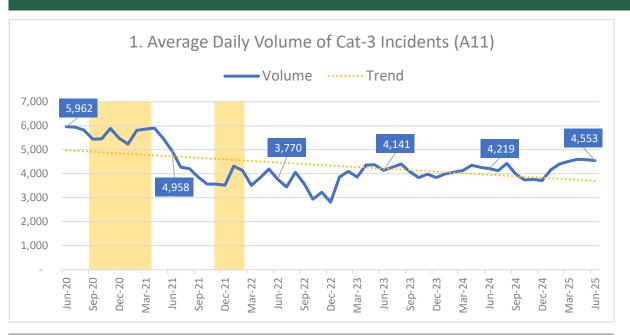


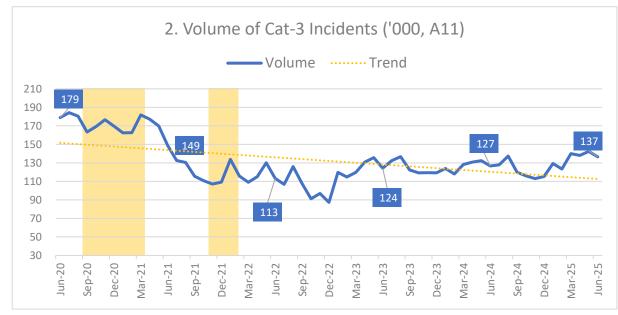


## 16. Demand: Category-3 Incidents (A11)



Category-3 incidents have also seen volume increase over the past three years – a trend more notable in the annualised data, which reached over 1.5-million in the most recent period.





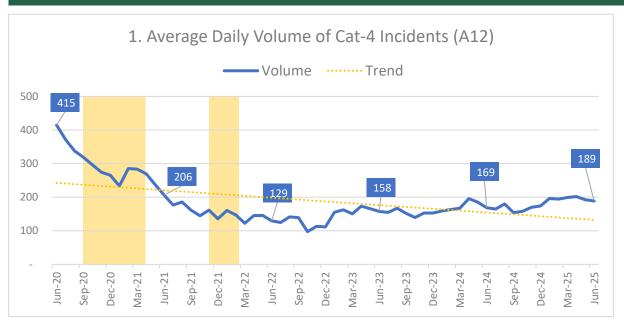


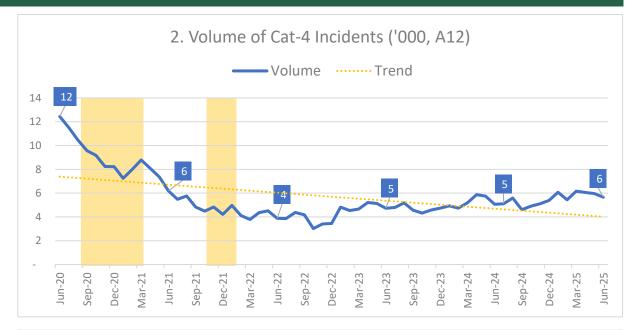


# 17. Demand: Category-4 Incidents (A12)

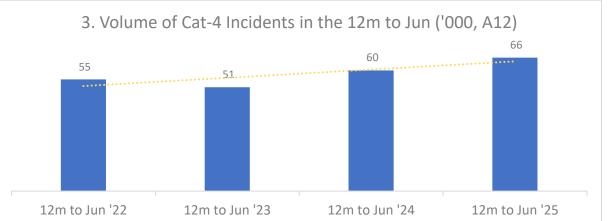


Category-4 follows the pattern seen above with Category-3 – a decrease in volume between 2020 and 2022, and then a slight but steady increase. June 2025 saw the highest average daily volume of any June since 2021.





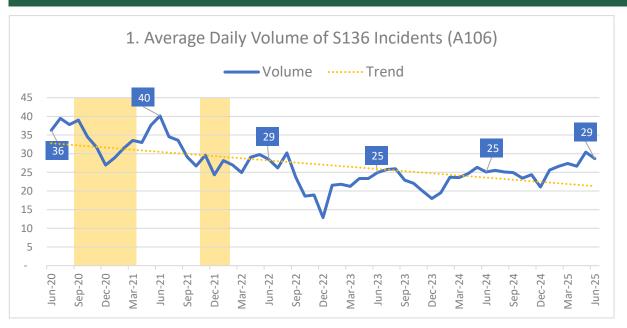


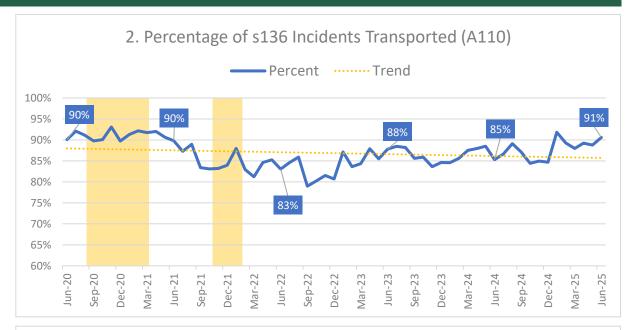


# 18. Demand: Section 136 Incidents and Percent Transported (A106 and A110)

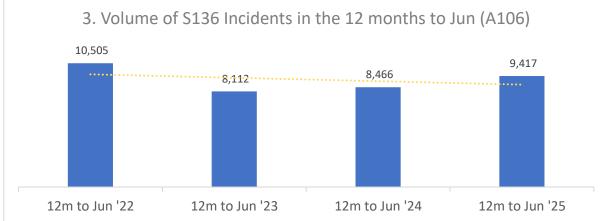


Section 136 incidents have also increased slightly, but steadily since late 2022, with an average of 29 each day in June. The proportion of \$136 patients transported has increased too, from under 80-percent in late 2022 to over 90-percent today.





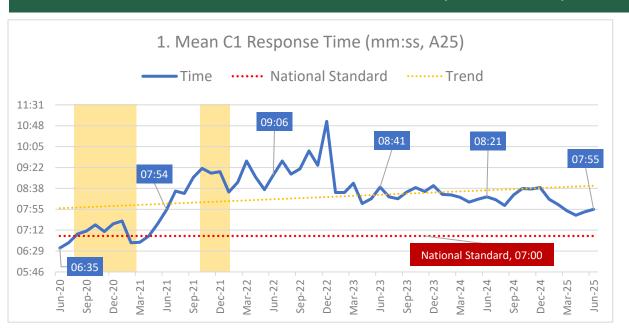


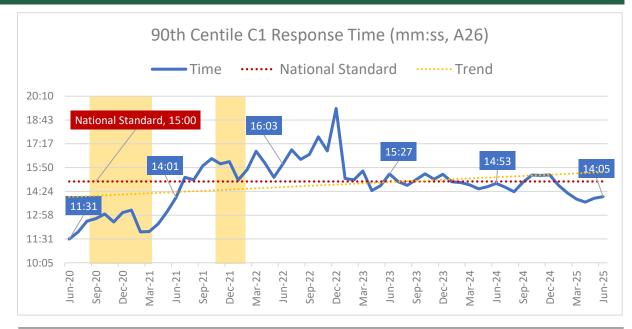


# 19. Demand: Category-1 Response Times (Measures A25 and A26)



Mean response-time for Category-1 continues to exceed the National Standard, but the trend shows a steady decrease since late 2022. There was an established seasonal increase between May and June this year, but the latest month was 26-seconds faster than June 2024.





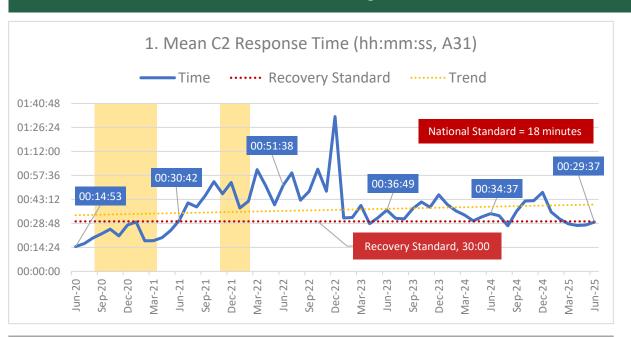
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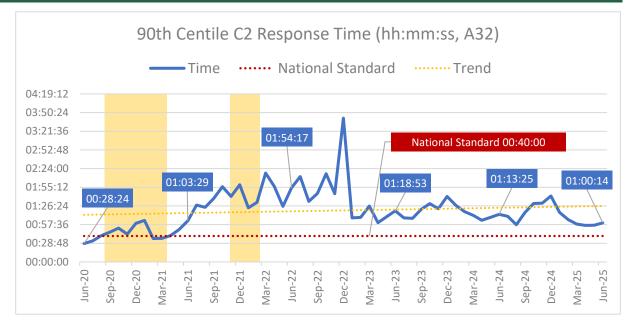


# 20. Demand: Category-2 Response Times (Measures A31 and A32)



Category-2 mean response has slowed between May and June each year since 2020. The trend since late 2022 then has seen a gradual, if unsteady, decrease – and while faster than the 30-minute NHS target for the fourth consecutive month, remains over ten-minutes slower than the National Standard of 18-minutes.





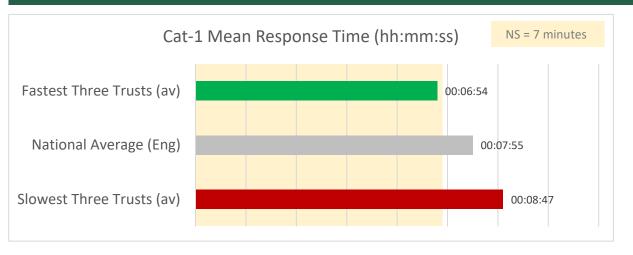
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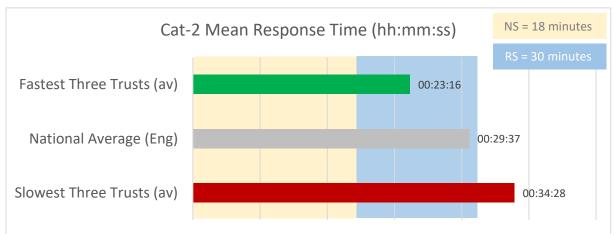


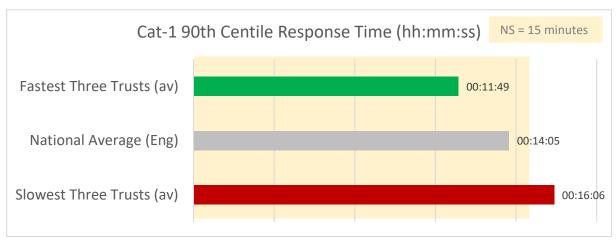
# 21. Range, Category-1 and Category-2 Response Time, June 2025

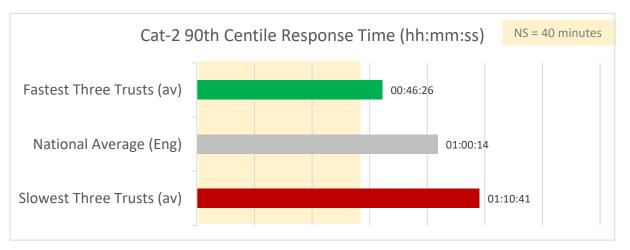


Highlighting outlying trusts shows ongoing variation in response times (influenced by a number of factors, including geography). For Category-1 the fastest group fall under the National Standard, the slowest are nearly two minutes slower. Category-2 sees a difference of over 11-minutes between fastest and slowest groups.







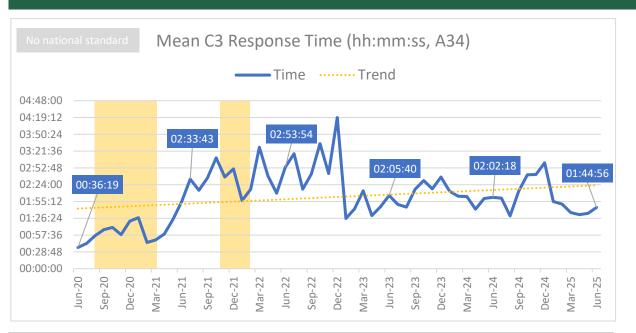


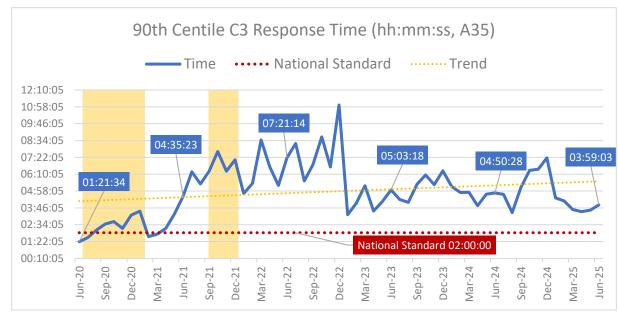
Notes: Fastest/ slowest shows the average share of incidents from the fastest three, and slowest three trusts in England for each category. Calculation excludes Isle of Wight.

# 22. Demand: Category-3 Response Times (Measures A34 and A35)



Category-3 mean response reflects the trend described above: June slower than May each year, but a gradual decrease in response over the past few years, with the latest month recording the fastest response time for June since 2022.





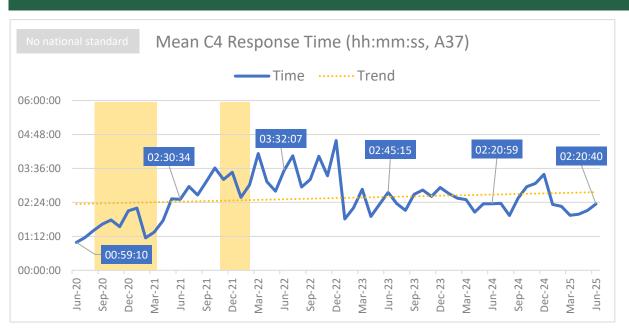
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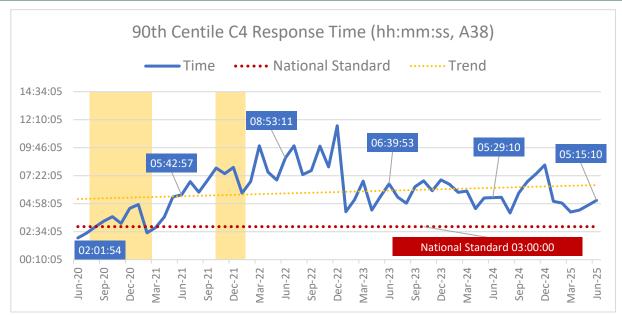


# 23. Demand: Category-4 Response Times (Measures A37 and A38)



Category-4 mean response broadly repeats the trend see for other categories, although the difference between June 2024 and June 2025 is flatter.





## Mean Response Time for June 2025: Fast Facts

Rank in series to-date 38<sup>th</sup> slowest

Change from May 2025

14 mins slower

Change from June 2024

19 secs faster

### 90<sup>th</sup> centile Response Time for June 2025: Fast Facts

Rank in series to-date:

40<sup>th</sup> slowest

Change from May 2025

25 mins slower

Change from June 2024

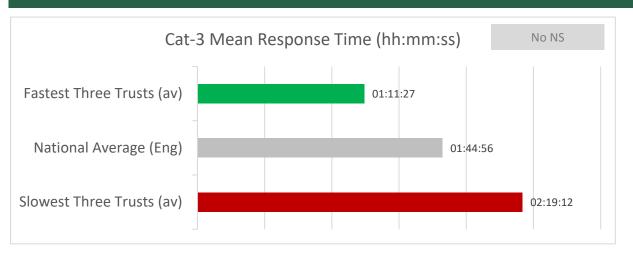
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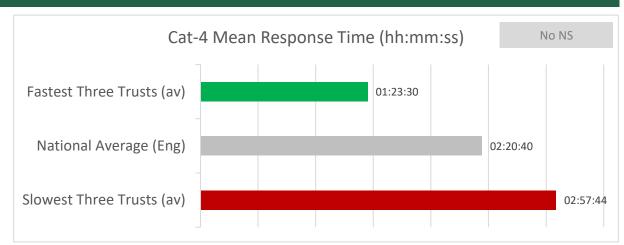


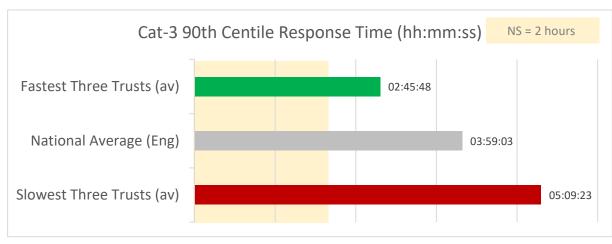
# 24. Range, Category-3 and Category-4 Response Time, June 2025

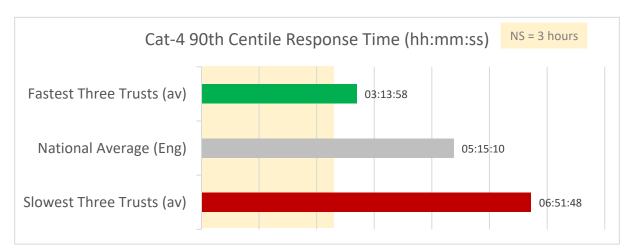


Differences in mean response times for outlying trusts are more pronounced for these categories. For Category-3 the difference between the fastest and slowest groups is over an hour, for Category-4 over 90-minutes. For the 90<sup>th</sup> Centile measure, the differences are over two-hours and well over-three hours respectively.







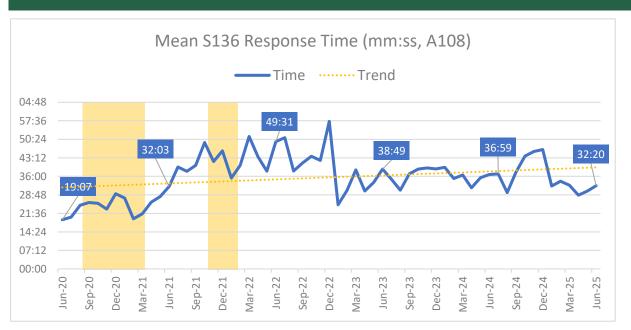


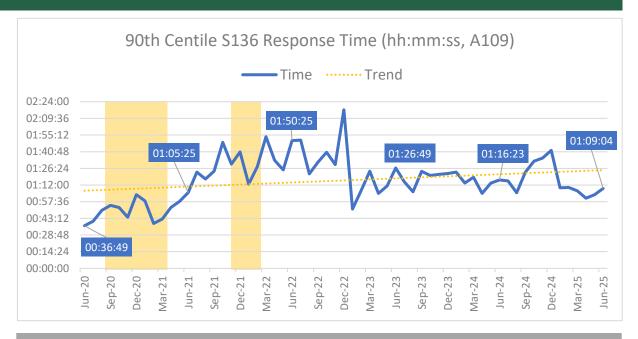
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# 25. Demand: Section 136 Response Times (Measures A108 and A109)



Section 136 mean response-times again follow the pattern described above – a month-on-month increase but a year-on-year decrease since 2022. The latest month was the fastest time recorded for any June since 2022.





# Mean Response Time for June 2025: Fast Facts

Rank in series to-date 39<sup>th</sup> slowest Change from May 2025

2 mins slower

Change from June 2024

4 min faster

### 90<sup>th</sup> centile Response Time for June 2025: Fast Facts

Rank in series to-date:

39th slowest

Change from May 2025

5 mins slower

Change from June 2024

7 mins faster





# **Section 3**

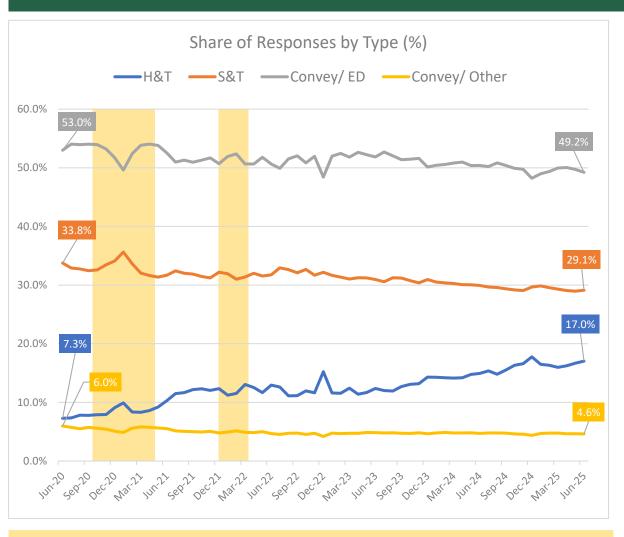
# Incidents by Response Outcome

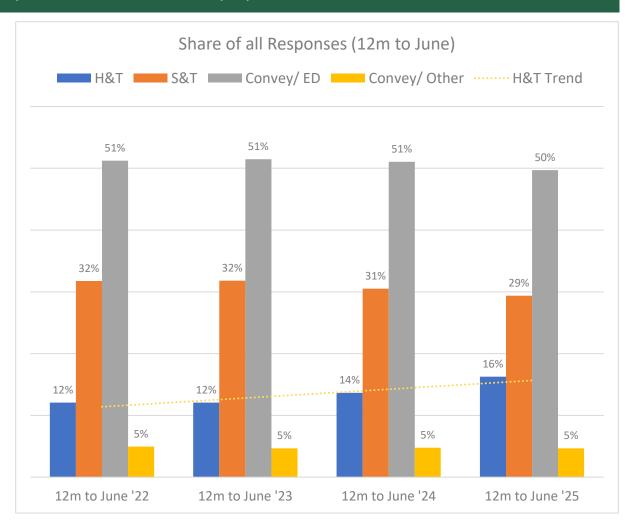
- Share of Response Outcomes
- Share of Responses, Range
- Hear and Treat
- Face to Face
- See and Treat
- Incidents with Transport to ED
- Incidents not with Transport to Destination other than ED

## **27. Share of Response Outcomes**



Hear-and-Treat responses accounted for 17-percent of outcomes in June, the second highest proportion on record (the highest being 17.8-percent in December 2024). Conveyance to Emergency Departments decreased to 49.2-percent, the fourth-lowest proportion since the start of 2022.





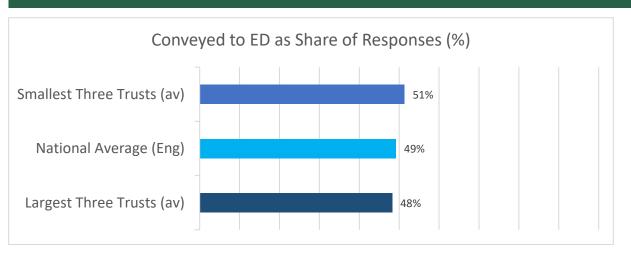
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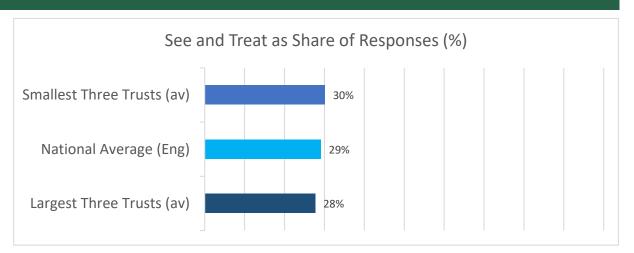
H&T = Hear and Treat, S&T = See and Treat

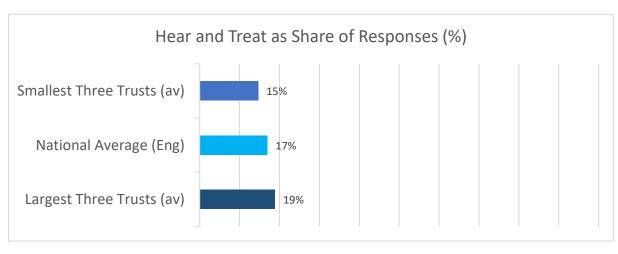
# 28. Range, Share of Response Outcomes, June 2025

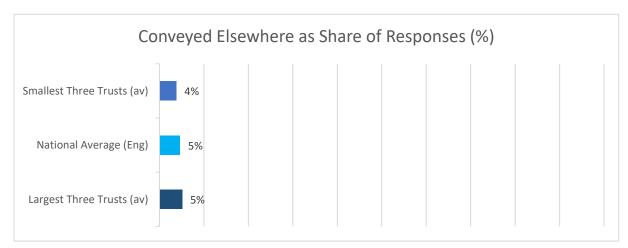


Share of outcomes differ by trust, but to a lesser extent than some other measures reported here. Hear-and-Treat, for example, has a difference of four-percentage-points between the highest and lowest groups, Conveyance to Emergency Departments a difference of three-percentage-points.









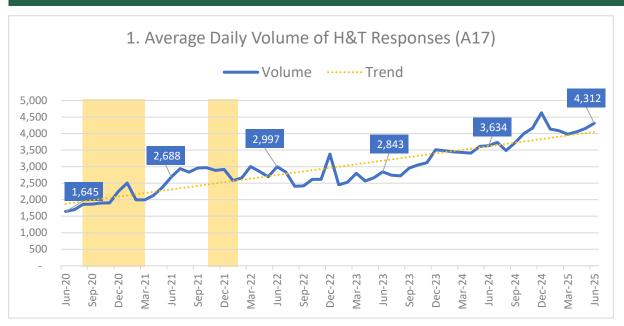
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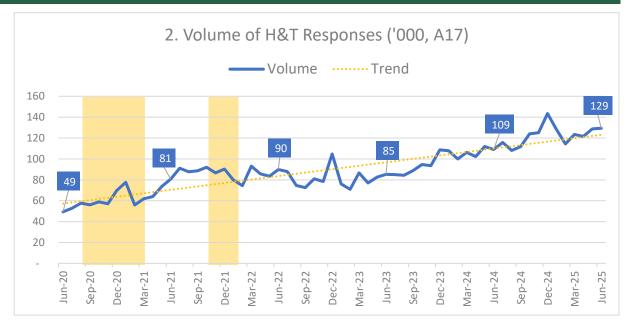
## 29. Hear and Treat (measure A17)

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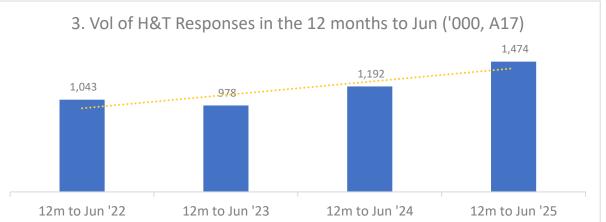


An average of 4,312 Hear-and-Treat outcomes were recorded each day in June, an increase from both the previous month and the previous June. The underlying trend is that of continued growth, the annualised data showing nearly half-a-million more H&T outcomes than in the same period in 2023.





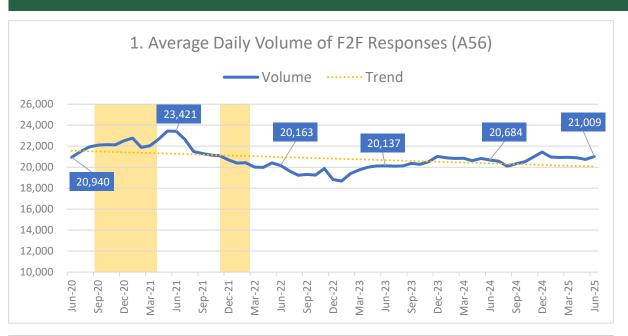


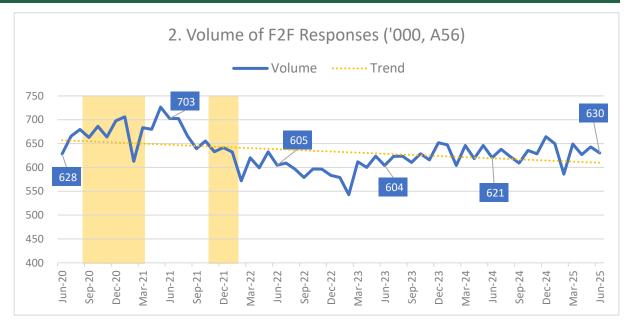


## 30. Face to Face (F2F, measure A56)

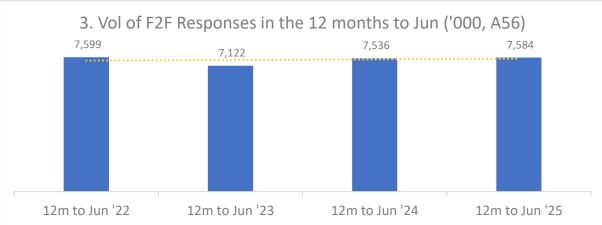


Face-to-Face outcomes increased in June, with an average of 21,009 each day. This is both an increase from May, and the highest average daily volume for any June since 2021. The trend over the last two years has been flatter, however, as can be seen in annualised data over this time.





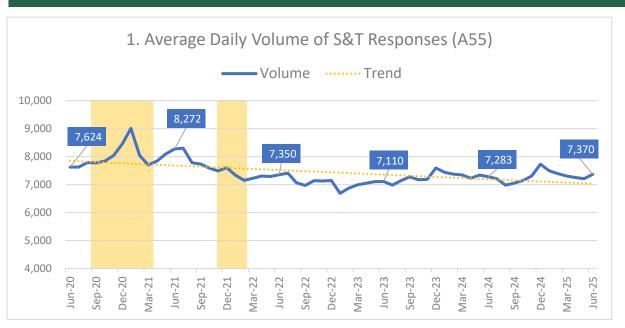


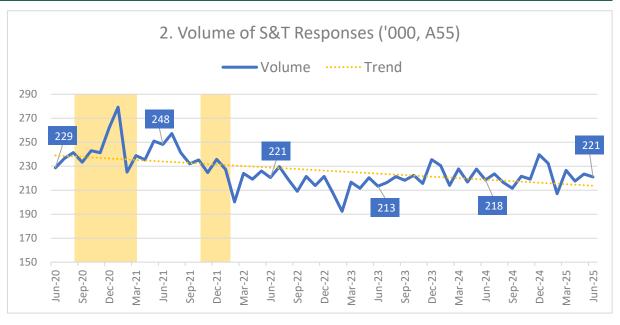


# 31. See and Treat (measure A55)

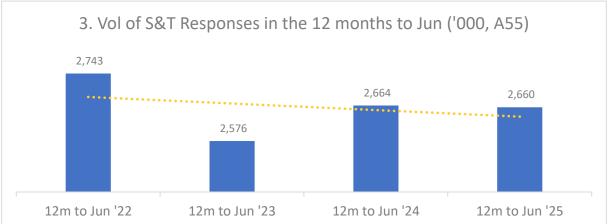


See-and-Tree (S&T) outcomes also increased in June, with an average daily volume of 7,370 outcomes – again, the highest for any June since 2021. As with F2F incidents overall, the trend over the past two years has been flatter, dropping from 2,664-thousand to 2,660-thousand.







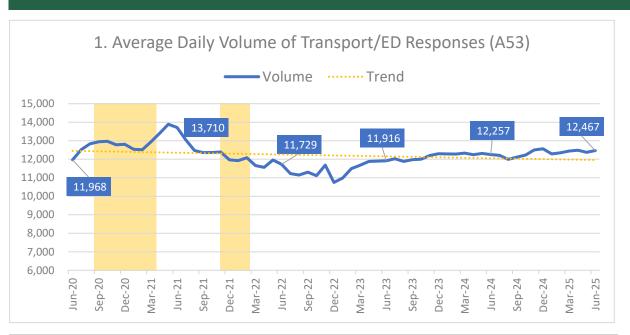


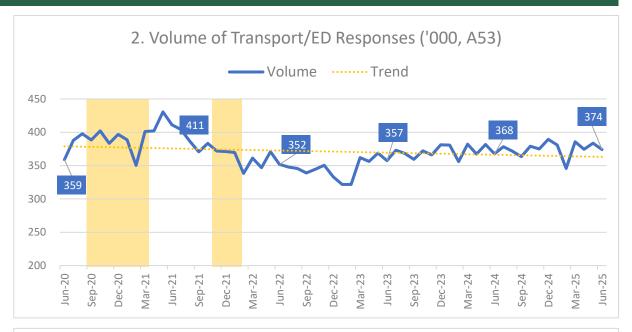
# 32. Conveyed/ Transported to Emergency Departments (measure A53)



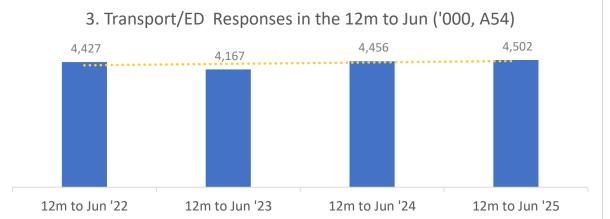
While the share of these outcomes has dropped in recent months (see page 28), the trend in average daily volume has seen an increase since December 2022.

With 12,467 transports each day, the latest month has the highest volume for any June since 2021.





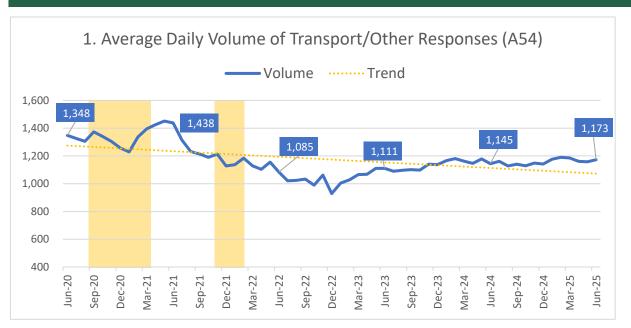


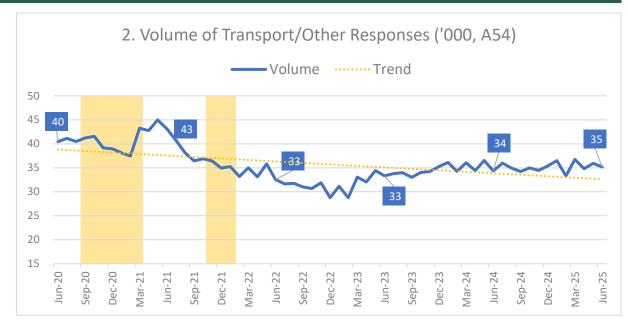


# 33. Conveyed/ Transported to Destination other than ED (measure A54)

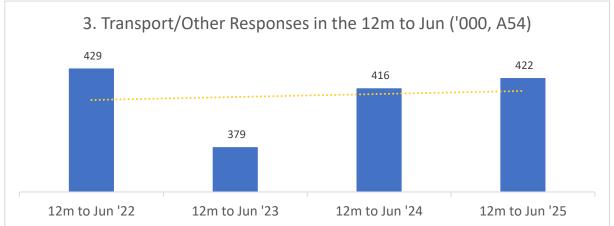


As with Transport-to-ED, outcomes where patients were transported elsewhere has seen a slow, but steady increase since late 2022, with the average daily figure returning the highest number for any June since 2021.











# **Section 4**

# Turnaround Times and Patient Handover Delays

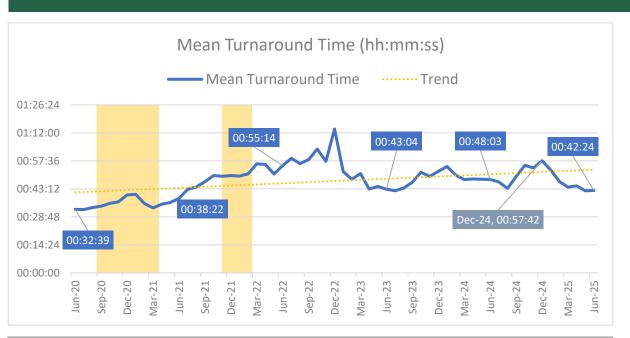
- Average Turnaround and Time to Clear
- Average Handover Times
- Handover Delays, Range
- Handover Delays Over 15 Minutes
- Handover Delays Over 30 Minutes
- Handover Delays Over 60 Minutes
- Handover Delays Over 120 Minutes

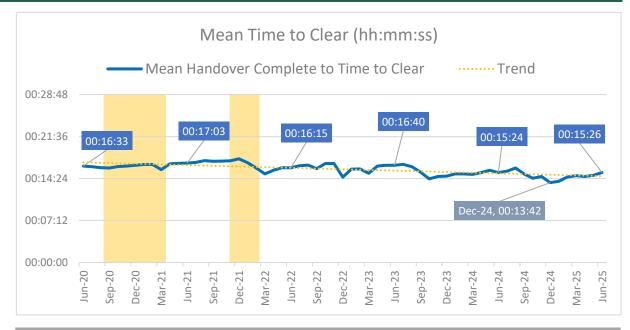
- Handovers Longer Than Three Hours
- <u>Impact on Patients and Crew</u>

# 35. Mean Turnaround and Time-to-Clear\* (source, NAIG)



Mean turnaround time has been getting faster since December (a seasonal trend for the past three years), reaching the fastest time for any June since 2021. Conversely, Time-to-Clear has increased slightly from December 2024 but is remains below the 16-minute-plus seen for most other Junes to-date.





# Rank in series to-date And the for June 2025: Fast Facts Change from May 2025 And May 2025 Change from June 2024 And May 2025 Change from June 2024



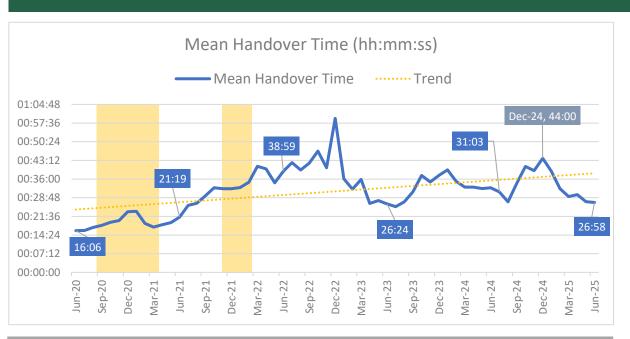
<sup>\* &</sup>quot;Time-to-clear" = "Mean Turnaround Time" less "Mean Handover Time"

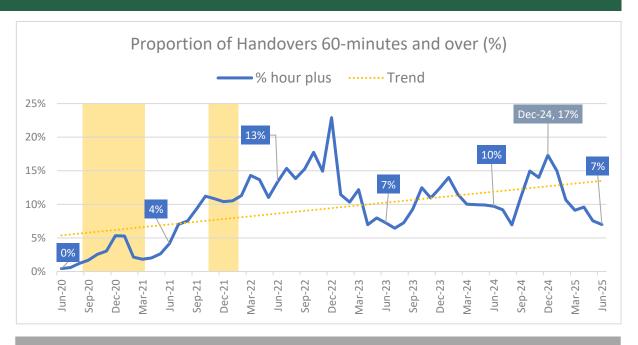


# 36. Average Handover Times and Delays as Proportion of All Handovers (source, NAIG)



Mean handover time has decreased since Dec, is six-minutes faster than June 2024 but 34-seconds slower than June 2023. Share of hour-plus handovers follow a similar pattern. The coming months will show whether these trends will continue to follow established seasonal patterns against the increasing adoption of W45.





## Mean Handover Time for June 2025: Fast Facts

Rank in series to-date

36<sup>th</sup> fastest

Change from May 2025

17 secs faster

Change from June 2024

6 mins faster

#### 60 minute-plus Handovers June 2025: Fast Facts

Rank in series to-date:

34<sup>th</sup> highest

Change from May 2025

-0.6 pp

Change from June 2024

-2.7 pp

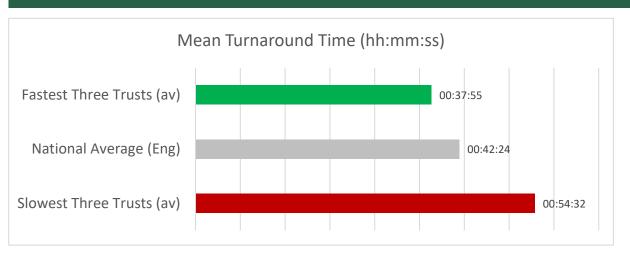
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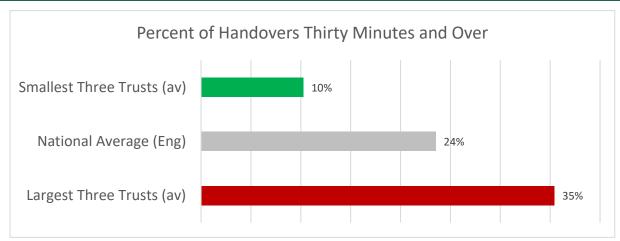
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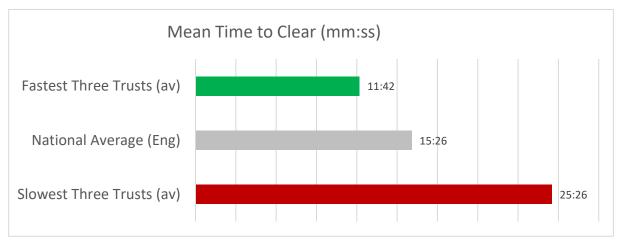
# 37. Range, Turnarounds and Handover Time, June 2025

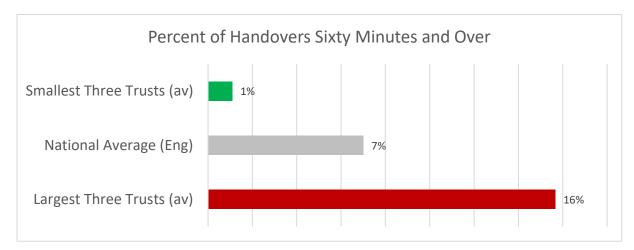


Variation in turnaround time is over 16-minutes between the slowest and fastest trusts, time to clear is 14-minutes. For the proportion handovers exceeding 30-minuntes the difference is 25-percentage-points, for hour-plus handovers 15-percentage points.







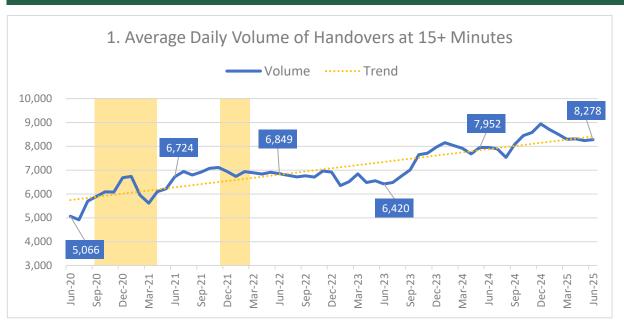


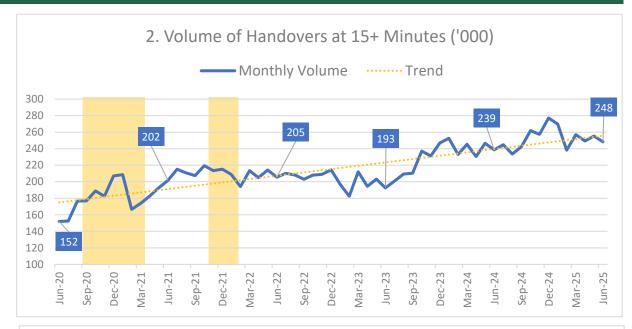
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# 38. Volume of Patient Handover Delays over 15 Minutes (source, NAIG)

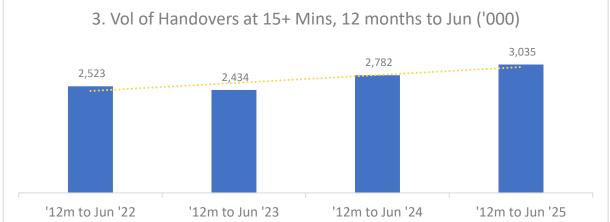


Volume of handovers of 15-minutes or longer continue to grow over time, but the short-term trend has seen numbers drop since December. Nonetheless, the average daily volume of these delays was the 8<sup>th</sup> highest to-date, and the highest for any June on record.





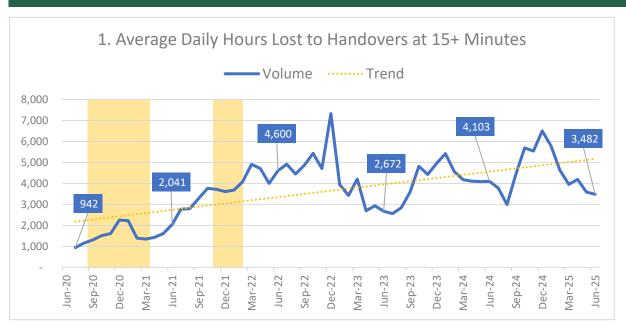


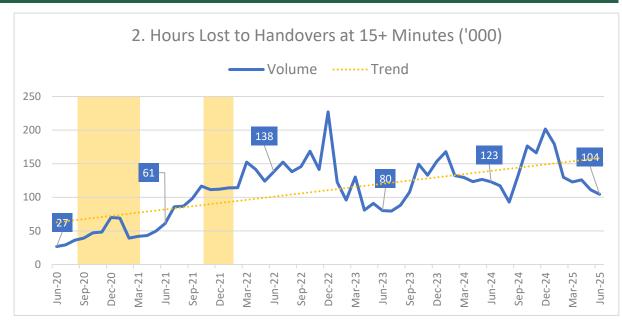


## 39. Hours Lost to Patient Handover Delays over 15 Minutes (source, NAIG)

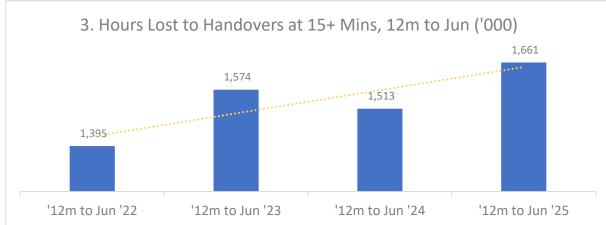


Hours lost to 15-minute delays have dropped compared with May, and June 2024 – this is a cumulative figure, and reflects the fall in longer handovers (see below). Nonetheless, there were 1.7-million hours lost over the past 12-months, the greatest volume lost over the past four years.





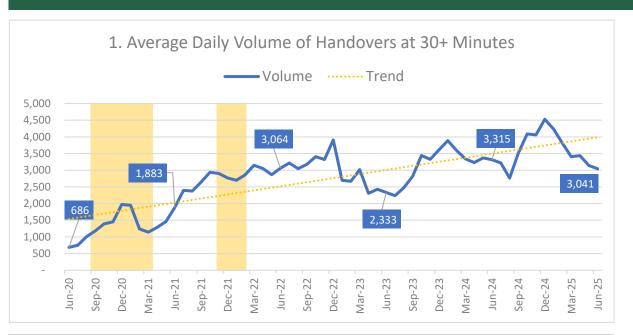


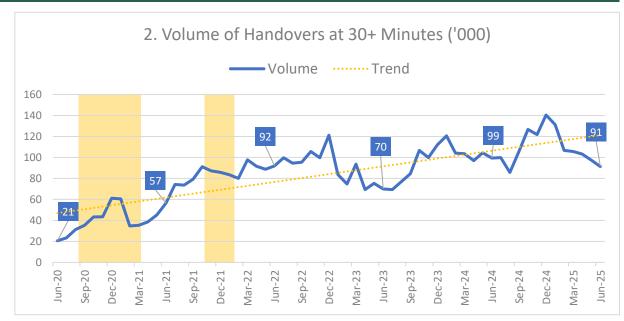


# 40. Volume of Patient Handover Delays over 30 Minutes (source, NAIG)

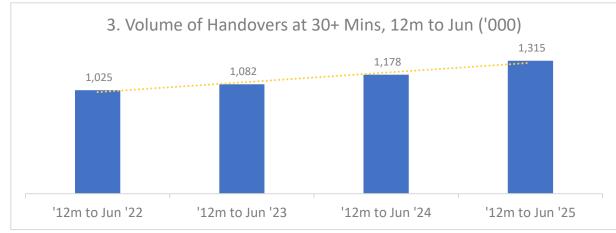


The daily volume of handover delays of 30-minutes or longer was fewer than in May, or June 2024 – but 708 more than in June 2023. Again, despite a steady (seasonal) drop from December, the long-term trend is that of increase, with 1.3-million over the past 12-months, 137-thousand more than the previous period.





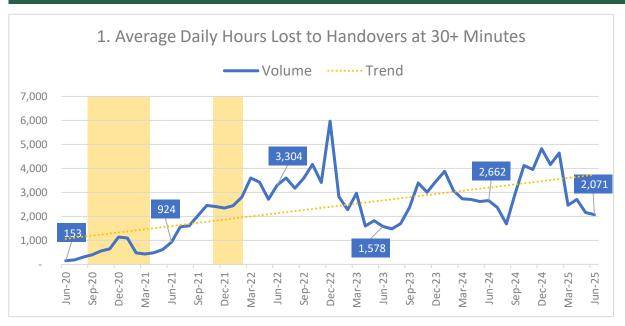


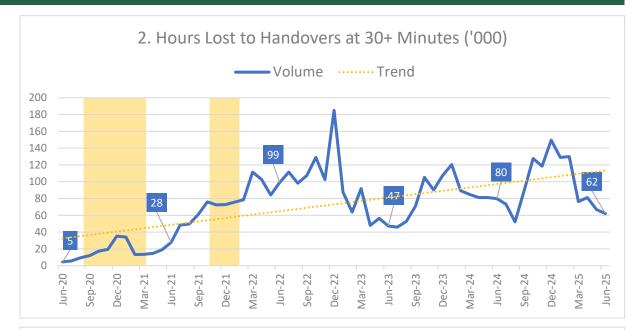


# 41. Hours Lost to Patient Handover Delays over 30 Minutes (source, NAIG)

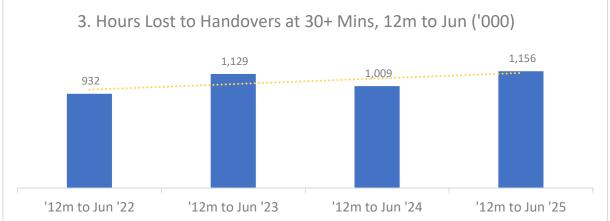


Volume of hours lost to these delays has halved since December, but remain comparatively high. There were 2,071 hours lost each day to 30-minute-plus handover delays in June 2025, and 1.2-million hours in most recent 12-months – the greatest for any of the most recent four periods.





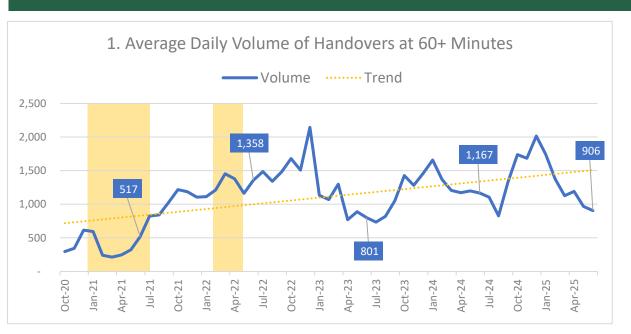


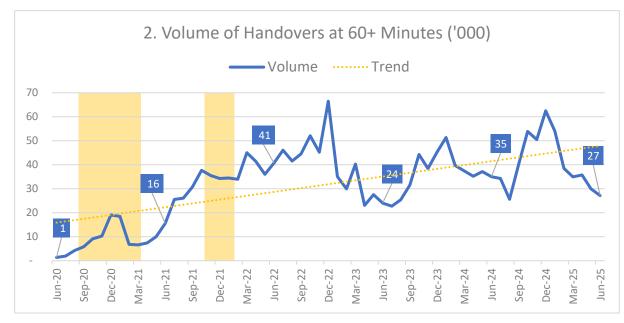


# 42. Volume of Patient Handover Delays over 60 Minutes (source, NAIG)



Hour-plus delays follow the pattern seen above: decrease in volume since December, but a long-term increase with the highest volume for a 12m-to-June period to-date.





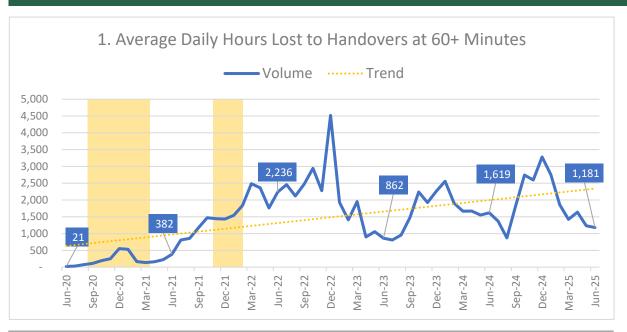


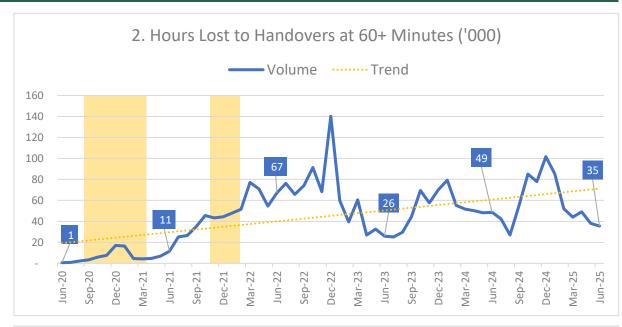


# 43. Hours Lost to Patient Handover Delays over 60 Minutes (source, NAIG)



Hours lost to hour-plus delays have halved since December, are lower than June 2024 but higher than June 2023 – again repeating the pattern above. One difference, however, are the annualised data – the latest period is not the highest seen to-date, but second highest after the 2023 total.





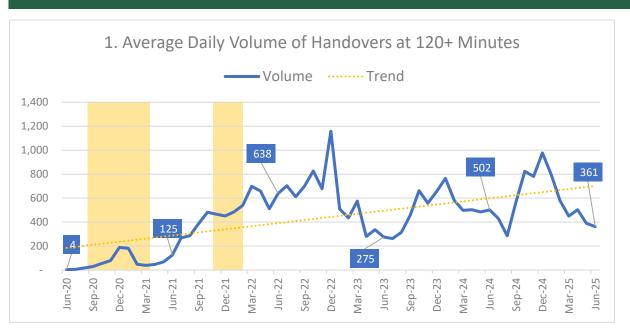


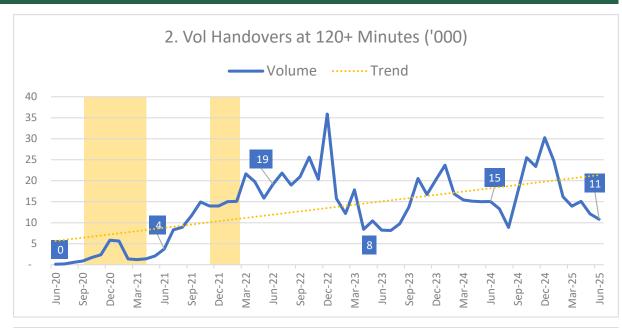


# 44. Volume of Patient Handover Delays over 120 Minutes (source, NAIG)

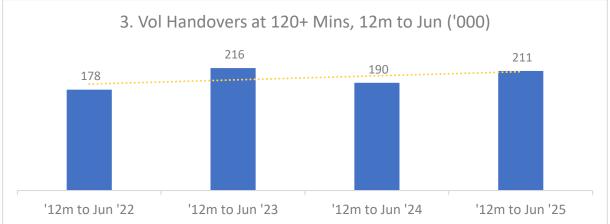


Two-hour-plus delays have more than halved since December, and again, the average daily volume is lower than June 2024 but higher than June 2023. While the annualised data, show a flatter trend than elsewhere, the latest period nonetheless has the second highest volume of the last four years.





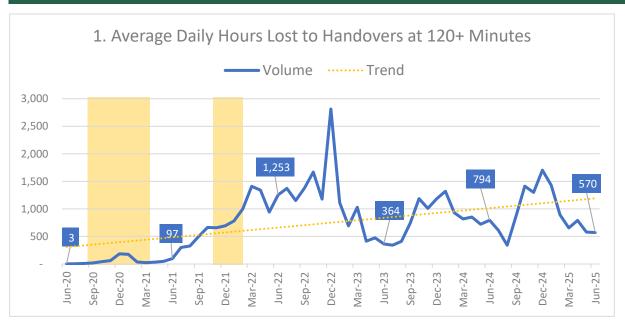


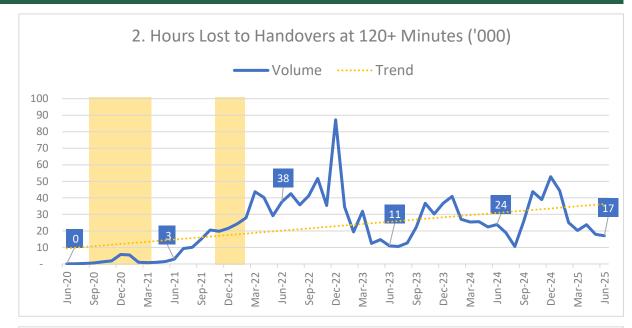


# 45. Hours Lost to Patient Handover Delays over 120 Minutes (source, NAIG)

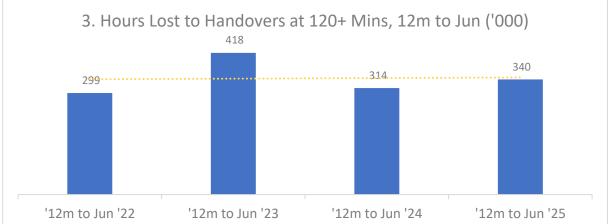


The average daily number of hours lost to two-hour-plus delays is a third of that recorded in December, but again follows the established pattern: an improvement compared with June 2024 but more delays than June 2023, with the annualised total at its second highest in four years.





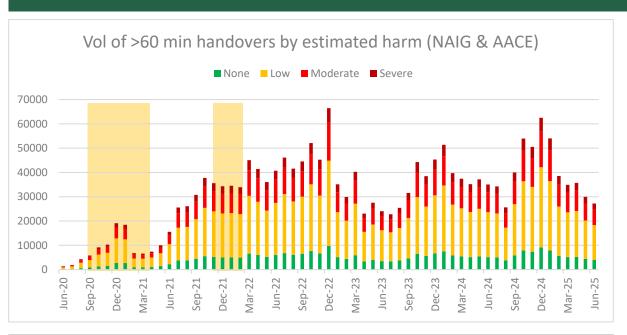


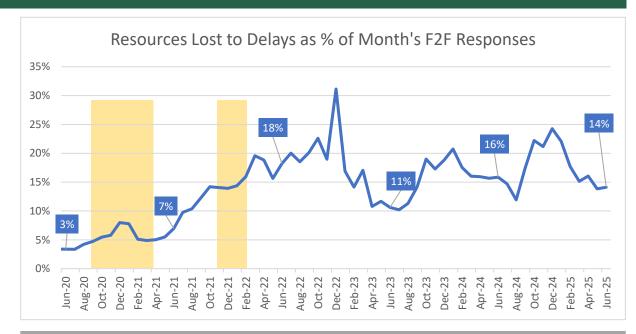


# 46. Impact on Patients and Crew (source, NAIG, AQI Data and AACE)



Around 23-thousand patients experienced potential harm\* as a result of hour-plus delays in June 2025. Over the same time, the sector lost the equivalent of 88-ambulance job cycles (where patients could have been attended): this is the equivalent of 14% of all face-to-face responses across the month.





## **Estimated Harm, June 2025: Fast Facts**

Patients
experiencing
any potential
harm

23 thousand

Patients
experiencing
potential
moderate harm

6 thousand

Patients
experiencing
potential
severe harm

2 thousand

#### Impact on Capacity, June 2025: Fast Facts

Estimated volume of lost job cycles

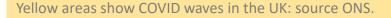
88 thousand

Est. lost job cycles as a % of F2F responses

Jun '25 = 14%

Est. lost job cycles as a % of F2F responses

Jun '21 = 9%



<sup>\*</sup> For definitions of "harm", please refer to the original report, published by AACE in 2021

# 47. Appendix: How Most Data is Reported in this Document



Most sections in this report follow the same layout, with data presented identically on each page. The main exceptions to this are call-handling and response time data, which focus only on the monthly figure, and the "Range" charts. This page what the most common graphs show, and how they are calculated.

#### **Average Daily Data**

- This box shows a line graph displaying the average daily volume: this is calculated by dividing the metric by the days in the month. This smooths out the steeper changes sometimes seen in monthly data due to the difference in month length (for example February to March).
- As with the monthly data, the average daily figures use blue lines to show the main trend, orange to show the series-average, and red to show any national standards
- Data labels again show relevant values, as highlighted in the "Monthly Data" section
- Call-handling and response time data is <u>not</u> displayed in this way

#### **Fast Facts**

This box generally shows how the latest month ranks against all months since January 2018

This box generally shows any change between the previous, and most recent month

This box generally shows any change between the most recent month, and the same month 12-months ago

Yellow areas always show COVID waves in the UK: source ONS.

#### **Monthly Data**

- This box shows a line graph displaying the data at monthly level, monthby-month. These main data are displayed as a blue line.
- The value for the most recent month, and every previous instance of that month in the chart, the line graph includes a dotted orange line, which represents the series-average, with a linked data-label showing the value for this line.
- National standards, for response times, are included as a dotted red line, with the national standard displayed in yellow text in a red data label
- Call-handling and response time data is <u>only</u> displayed in this way

#### "Annualized Data" – 12 months to...

- This shows a bar chart with the total figure for 12-months, ending with the most recent month
- Four 12-month periods are included
- Two grey arrows show the percentage change between the last three periods (e.g. most previous-to-most recent, and, two-years previous-to-most-recent)
- Call-handling and response time data is not displayed in this way