



Spotlight on December 2022

This is a monthly summary of our performance and calls to our Paramedic Emergency Service, NHS 111 service and Patient Transport Service, with comparisons to the previous year. It is shared to keep you informed of the demand for our services. If you have any questions or comments on the content you can contact us at communications@nwas.nhs.uk.

Paramedic Emergency Service



168,668 emergency contacts (inc all 999 calls, duplicates, events, & 111 ambulance referrals)





(average of 2,998 a day)

0.85% increase on December 2021



3,027 additional operational resources were deployed throughout December 2022 to help manage demand



Hear & treat 16447 patient concerns were resolved over the telephone (17.70% of all incidents)

Compared to 10,051 (10.91%) in December 2021



See & treat 26,971 patients treated at the scene and left there safely (29.02% of all incidents)



Compared to 28,442 (30.86%) in December 2021



See & convey 49,527 patients taken to a destination for further care (53.29% of all incidents)



Compared to 53,660 (58.23%) in Dedember 2021



11,001 (11.84% of all incidents) were categorised as immediately lifethreatening

Compared to 14,826 (16.09%) in December 2021



51,157 (55.04% of all incidents) were categorised as emergencies

Compared to 50,892 (55.23%) in December 2021



17,437 (18.76% of all incidents) were categorised as urgent

Compared to 14,334 (15.55%) in December 2021



954 (1.03% of all incidents) were categorised as less urgent

Compared to 297 (0.32%) in December 2021



43,722 attendances at A&E departments

Compared to 54,293 in December 2021



Average hospital handover time 48 minutes 12 seconds

Compared to 27 minutes and 57 seconds in December 2021



156,023 calls answered in December 2022

Compared to 155,692 in December 2021



10,945 (7.66%) of all contacts resulted in ambulance response





37,081 (23.80%) calls answered within 60 seconds

Compared to 56,317 (36.17%) in December 2021



20,422 callers were offered a callback

Compared to 20,027 in December 2021



20,548 (14% of all triaged calls) referred to a clinical advisor





11,701 (8% of all patients) were advised to attend A&E





2,683 (3%) patients were given self care advice





90, 707 (63%) patients were referred to community, primary care or other services





83.33% of patients surveyed in December 2022 after accessing 111 said they were very satisfied/fairly satisfied' with their experience

A decrease of 1.79% compared to December 2021 (reponse rates have been impacted by postal strikes).

Patient Transport Service



Overall contracted activity: 94,533 journeys

A decrease of 5% (99,236 journeys) on December 2021



45,302 ambulance journeys undertaken

A decrease of 6% (48,111 journeys) on December 2021



9,216 on the day unplanned journeys (discharges)

An decrease of 8% (10,072 journeys) on December 2021



39,532 pre-planned journeys (outpatients)

A decrease of 10% (44,042 journeys) on December 2021



45,141 renal and oncology patients transported

on December 2021





8,254 aborted journeys (on the day cancellation/patient no show)

An increase of 0.48% (8,186 journeys) on December 2021