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Barts Health – March 2024

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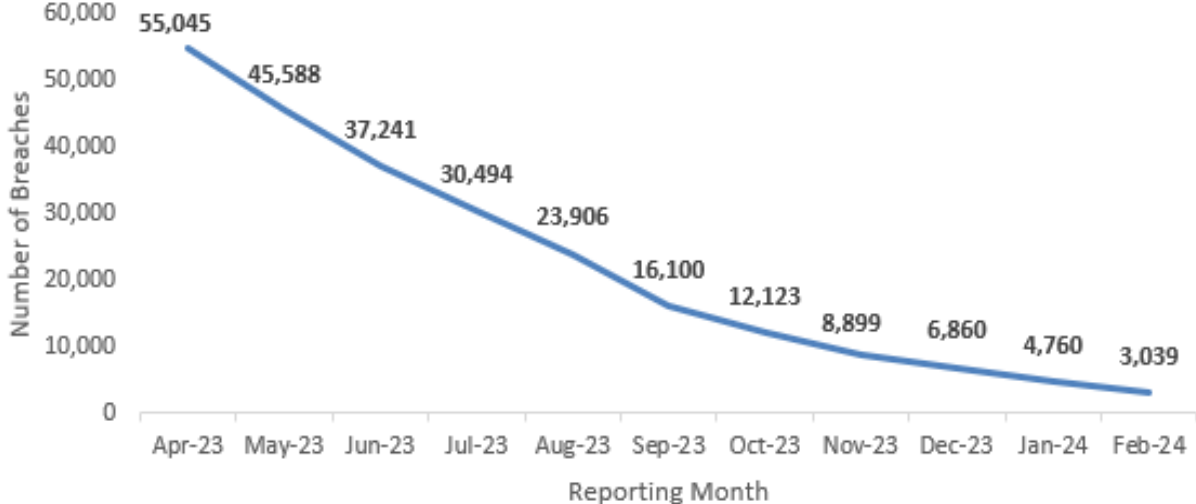
Strategic Updates

- **Whipps Cross Hospital redevelopment:** Our full business case for the car park construction has been approved by government and NHS England. This means that we can now finalise designs, with construction starting this summer and the new car park aiming to be complete in 2025.
- **Barking community birth centre:** Our midwife-led centre reopened for births in February, with four babies born to date. There continues to be a national shortage of midwives so depending on staffing pressures, so we are monitoring this closely to ensure it remains safe.
- **Top marks in CQC maternity survey:** Results from a recent CQC survey of our maternity services found that nine out of ten mothers giving birth at our hospitals were satisfied with their care, had confidence in our staff, and said they are treated with kindness and compassion.
- **First new treatment for lung cancer in 15 years:** Together with Queen Mary University of London, our researchers have developed the first new treatment for mesothelioma, a type of lung cancer, in 15 years. The trial is the culmination 20 years of research at the Barts Cancer Institute.
- **New dental clinic:** We have opened the new Kenworthy Road Dental Clinic. The £3.2 million investment is a partnership between Barts Health NHS Trust, Queen Mary University of London and Community Health Partnerships, and will provide free dental services to NEL patients with over 7,000 appointments a year.
- **Patients Know Best:** Over 110,000 patients have signed up to our online patient platform, Patients Know Best. Patients can now access their blood test results online, along with hospital letters and appointments.
- **Delivering our financial position:** We're on track to deliver our revised financial plan for 23/24 but will face an equally challenging financial year from April. We are continuing to focus on reducing temporary staffing and productivity as a way to achieving a more sustainable financial position
- **Improving staff survey results:** We saw improvements across all nine domains, including increasing numbers of staff recommending Barts Health, both as a place to receive care and as an employer

Urgent & Emergency Care

- Our ED wait times have improved over the last month – we are now regularly seeing over 70% of patients in four hours or less, and have hit the 76% target on several occasions.
- Our operational performance continues to be impacted by industrial action. Despite this and pressures in urgent care, all our hospitals were able to run more elective activity than in previous periods of industrial actions focusing on our P2, cancer and long wait cases.
- We continue to work with system partners to tackle the high numbers of medically fit patients in our hospitals, and to manage the number of mental health patients we are caring for in our EDs.

65+ Weeks Wait End of March 24 Cohort



- We've reduced our patients waiting more than 65 weeks by 75,000 since April, despite the disruption from Industrial Action
- We are on track to reduce this to 1,500 patients by the end of March, with just 150 78 week waiters, as agreed with NHS England.
- Collaborative Capacity across NEL is helping to reduce waits and provide more equitable access to treatment

78+ Weeks Wait End of March 24 Cohort

