



Premier's Priorities - Data Information Sheet

Improving outpatient and community care

Reduce preventable visits to hospital by 5 per cent through to 2023 by caring for people in the community.

Table 1: Target Definition

Measure	Baseline Value	Baseline Date	Target Value	Target Date	Final Report Availability	Source
Proportion of total days spent in hospital by people with conditions where hospitalisation is potentially preventable	23.0%	2017-18	21.6% (average)	2019-20 2020-21 2021-22 2022-23	Oct 2023	NSW Ministry of Health

Glossary

- **Numerator**
 - The numerator is the total number of days spent in hospital by people with conditions where hospitalisation is potentially preventable. This is the sum of two broad categories:
 1. Days spent in hospital by patients admitted with a potentially preventable condition
 2. Number of Triage category 4 and 5 presentations to emergency departments
- **Denominator**
 - The denominator is the sum of two broad categories:
 1. Total days spent in hospital by admitted patients
 2. Total number of emergency department presentations.
- **Potentially preventable conditions**
 - Potentially preventable condition includes 22 conditions defined by AIHW (refer to information below).
- **Triage category 4 and 5 presentations**
 - Lower severity presentations to the emergency department which includes people who need to have treatment commenced within 1-2 hours.

Further Information

For further information, refer to:

- [Premier's Priorities website](#)
- [Australian Institute of Health and Welfare - Potentially preventable hospitalisations in Australia by age groups and small geographic areas, 2017-18](#)
- [NSW Health – Hospital Triage](#)

Version History

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