

Child & Adolescent Health Services (CAHS)

(a)(i)-(vi) The quarterly average waiting times for the metropolitan Child Development Service (CDS) from March 2010 until June 2012 are reported in Tables 1-3. The data in these tables is derived from clinician estimates of how long a child would need to wait from acceptance of their referral to the first appointment.

Table 1: Metropolitan CDS quarterly average waiting times March 2010 – June 2010.

| | March 2010* (months) | April – June 2010 (months) |
|----------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Speech Pathology | 18.9 | 18.5 |
| Occupational Therapy | 15.1 | 14.7 |
| Physiotherapy | 12.2 | 12.4 |
| Clinical Psychology | 10.2 | 10.3 |
| Social Work | 6.9 | 7.7 |
| Paediatrics | 11 | 11.7 |

* Data is not available for January or February 2010.

Table 2: Metropolitan CDS quarterly average waiting times July 2010 – June 2011.

| | Jul – Sep 2010 (months) | Oct – Dec 2010 (months) | Jan – Mar 2011 (months) | Apr – Jun 2011 (months) |
|----------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Speech Pathology | 16.3 | 15.1 | 12.3 | 10.1 |
| Occupational Therapy | 12.3 | 10.2 | 8.6 | 7.5 |
| Physiotherapy | 9.7 | 8.2 | 7.2 | 5.7 |
| Clinical Psychology | 10.0 | 9.7 | 8.3 | 6.1 |
| Social Work | 8.1 | 7.4 | 6.2 | 5.5 |
| Paediatrics | 10.5 | 10.9 | 11.4 | 12.2 |

Table 3: Metropolitan CDS quarterly average waiting times July 2011 – June 2012.

| | Jul – Sep 2011 (months) | Oct – Dec 2011 (months) | Jan – Mar 2012 (months) | Apr – Jun 2012 (months) |
|----------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Speech Pathology | 10.0 | 10.6 | 10.9 | 10.9 |
| Occupational Therapy | 7.6 | 7.9 | 8.3 | 8.6 |
| Physiotherapy | 5.9 | 6.8 | 7.4 | 7.6 |
| Clinical Psychology | 7.3 | 7.1 | 7.2 | 7.6 |
| Social Work | 5.5 | 5.5 | 5.9 | 6.1 |
| Paediatrics | 12.6 | 14.0 | 14.0 | 14.4 |

Since the first quarter of 2012-13, the metropolitan CDS has reported actual median waiting times. The reporting of actual wait times is available now that the Child Development Information System (CDIS) contains a comprehensive set of client data that records the time taken from when the referral was accepted to the first scheduled appointment for each child.

The 2012-13 quarterly actual median waiting times for the metropolitan CDS are reported in Table 4.

Table 4: Metropolitan CDS median waiting times 2012-13 (year-to-date).

| | July - September 2012 (months) | October - December 2012 (months) | January – March 2013 (months) |
|----------------------|---|---|--|
| Speech Pathology | 8.4 | 8.7 | 8.9 |
| Occupational Therapy | 7.3 | 6.5 | 7.5 |
| Physiotherapy | 1.8 | 1.7 | 2.5 |
| Clinical Psychology | 6.1 | 7 | 5.1 |
| Social Work | 5 | 4.9 | 5.4 |
| Paediatrics | 8.2 | 7.4 | 8.3 |

(b)(i)-(vi) Assessment for referral is completed by a wide range of referrers (such as GPs, teachers and child health nurses), many external to WA Health. As such, it is not possible to collect this data.

(c)(i)-(vi) It is not expected that the additional school health nurses will have a significant impact on the demand for Speech Pathology, Occupational Therapy, Physiotherapy, Clinical Psychology, Social Work or Paediatrics.

(d)(i)-(vi) Not applicable – refer to (c).

WA Country Health Service (WACHS)

(a)(i)-(vi)

The median wait times for child development services in the WA Country Health Service (WACHS) are provided in Table 1 below.

Table 1: Median wait times (in months) for an appointment in WACHS regions

| | 2010 | | | | 2011 | | | | 2012 | | | | 2013 |
|-------------------------------|------|------|------|------|------|-----|-----|-----|------|-----|-----|-----|------|
| | Qt 1 | Qt 2 | Qt 3 | Qt 4 | Qt1 | Qt2 | Qt3 | Qt4 | Qt1 | Qt2 | Qt3 | Qt4 | Qt1 |
| Great Southern | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Speech Pathology | 2 | 3 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 4 | 2 | 2 | 3 | - |
| Occ. Therapy | 1 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 2 | - |
| Physiotherapy | 2 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 3 | - |
| Clin. Psychology ¹ | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | 0 | 0 | - |
| Social Work | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | - |
| Paediatrics | 5 | 6 | 5 | 7 | 6 | 5 | 5 | 6 | 6 | 5 | 5 | 5 | - |
| South West | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Speech Pathology | 4 | 4 | 4 | 3 | 3 | 2 | 3 | 3 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 |
| Occ. Therapy | 4 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 1 |
| Physiotherapy | 1 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 1 |
| Clin. Psychology ² | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A |
| Social Work | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A |
| Paediatrics ³ | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A |
| Goldfields | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Speech Pathology | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | 12 | 16 | 5 | N/A | 5 | 5 | 6 |
| Occ. Therapy | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | 6 | 6 | 5 | N/A | 5 | 7 | 10 |
| Physiotherapy | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | 5 | 5 | 5 |
| Clin. Psychology ¹ | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | 1 |
| Social Work | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | <1 | <1 | 5 |
| Paediatrics ³ | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A |

| | 2010 | | | | 2011 | | | | 2012 | | | | 2013 |
|-------------------------------|------|------|------|------|------|-----|-----|-----|------|-----|-----|-----|------|
| | Qt 1 | Qt 2 | Qt 3 | Qt 4 | Qt1 | Qt2 | Qt3 | Qt4 | Qt1 | Qt2 | Qt3 | Qt4 | Qt1 |
| Wheatbelt | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Speech Pathology | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | 2 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 2 |
| Occ. Therapy | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | 2 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 2 |
| Physiotherapy | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| Clin. Psychology ² | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A |
| Social Work | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| Paediatrics ⁴ | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | 1 | 3 |
| Midwest | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Speech Pathology | 3 | 3 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 3 | 2 | 4 |
| Occ. Therapy | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 2 |
| Physiotherapy | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 1 |
| Clin. Psychology ¹ | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | 1 | 1 | 3 |
| Social Work | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 2 |
| Paediatrics | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | 1 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 3 |
| Pilbara | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Speech Pathology | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | 5 | 4 | 3 | 3 | 4 | 4 |
| Occ. Therapy | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | 5 | 6 | 2 | 4 | 4 | 6 |
| Physiotherapy | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| Clin. Psychology ² | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A |
| Social Work | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | 1 | <1 | <1 |
| Paediatrics | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A |
| Kimberley | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Speech Pathology | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | 12 | 11 | 10 | 10 | 8 | 6 | 6 |
| Occ. Therapy | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | 8 | 6 | 6 | 6 | 7 | 6 | 5 |
| Physiotherapy | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | 2 | 9 | 12 |
| Clin. Psychology ² | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A |
| Social Work | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | <1 | <1 | <1 |
| Paediatrics ⁴ | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A |

¹ A contract with Kids are Kids for the provision of Clinical Psychology services through Telehealth commenced in July 2012.

² Child Development Clinical Psychology Services not provided

³ Paediatrics not part of Child Development Service. Hospital Paediatricians provide medical paediatric services. Private Child Development Paediatric Services may also be available (and attract a Medicare rebate)

⁴ Paediatrician commenced January 2013

(b)(i)-(vi) Refer to (a). WACHS measures waiting times from acceptance of a referral to the first scheduled appointment.

(c)(i)-(vi) WACHS will monitor throughout implementation the impact on the demand for Speech Pathology, Occupational Therapy, Physiotherapy, Clinical Psychology, Social Work or Paediatrics as this cannot be predicted at this point.

(d)(i)-(vi) Refer to (c).