

Isle of Wight Joint Strategic Needs Assessment: Core Dataset

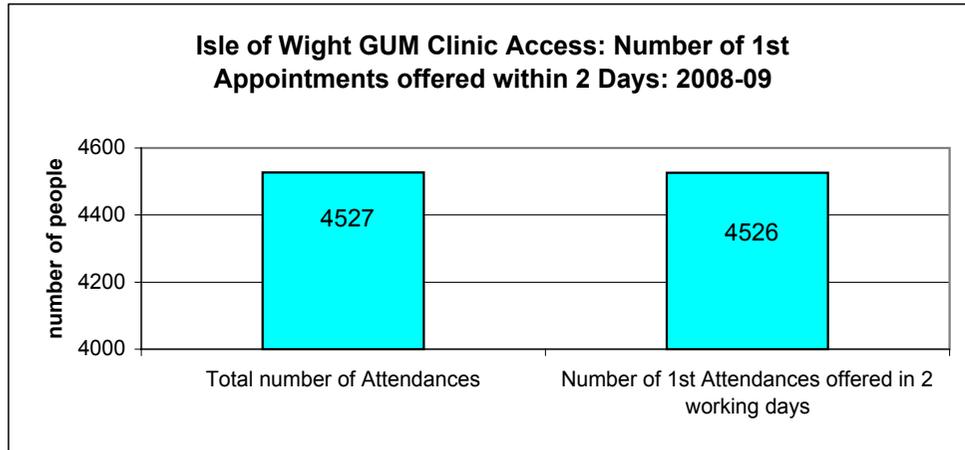
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Domain:	Services	Indicator:	Offer of an appointment at a GUM service within 48 hours
Sub-Domain:	Health Services	Indicator References:	JSNA Core Dataset number: 63
Sub-sub- Domain:	Sexual Health	Data Source:	Information Centre for Health and Social Care
		Indicator definition:	see below

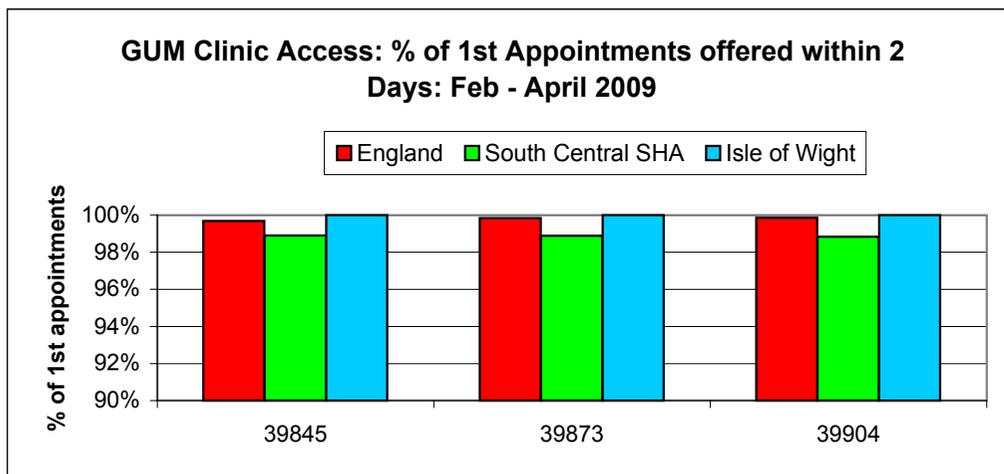
Isle of Wight: % of People Offered an Appointment at the GUM Clinic within 48 Hours: 2008-09

Isle of Wight GUM Clinic	Number of People
Total number of Attendances	4,527
Number of 1st Attendances offered in 2 working days	4,526
% of 1st Attendances offered in 2 working days	100.0%



% of People Offered an Appointment at the GUM Clinic within 48 Hours - Comparative Data: February - April 2009

	Feb 09	Mar 09	Apr 09
England	99.7%	99.8%	99.9%
South Central SHA	98.9%	98.9%	98.8%
Isle of Wight	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%



COMMENTARY

'GUM (Genito-Urinary Medicine) services' are specialised sexual health services, where the primary function of the specialist clinical multidisciplinary team is concerned with the provision of screening, diagnosis and management of sexually transmissible infections and related genital medical conditions.

Annual numbers of sexually transmitted diseases diagnosed in genito-urinary medicine (GUM) clinics in England rose by 43% between 1996 and 2002, with an overall increase in clinic workload of 79% for the same period. The white paper, 'Choosing health: making healthier choices easier' (Department of Health, 2004), included a number of commitments, including improved access to GUM clinics, and efficient and convenient screening services. GUM services are required to offer all patients an appointment within 48 hours of them contacting the service; in practice the Department of Health expects at least 98% of patients to be offered an appointment within 48 hours. This is on the basis that improving access to sexual health services, including GUM services, should lead to improvements in sexual health for those most at risk of infection. Delays in access to services for communicable diseases would result in poorer sexual health through increased risk of undiagnosed and untreated disease.

The data and chart, **above**, show IW data for 2008-09: the number of first appointments and the number offered within 48 hours. There was 100% achievement on this measure.

The data and chart, **below**, show IW performance compared with that for England and the South Central Strategic Health Authority for the most recent 3 months for which data is available. This shows that performance on this measure is very high nationally, with England exceeding 99% and South Central exceeding 98%. The IW continued with 100% performance.

INDICATOR DEFINITION

Indicator:	Offer of an Appointment at a GUM Service within 48 Hours
Definition:	% of patients attending GUM services who are offered an appointment to be seen within 48 Hours
Numerator (number of people or events)	Number of people offered a first appointment within 48 hours.
Denominator (total population or events)	Number of people offered a first appointment
Geographic Coverage	GUM Clinic Catchment Population
Time period	As shown above.
Data Source(s)	Department of Health (national data) http://www.dh.gov.uk/en/Publicationsandstatistics/Statistics/Perfomancedataandstatistics/SexualHealth/DH_097772 Isle of Wight Primary Care Trust (local data)
Significance for Health	Higher rates indicate better access to services. Lower rates indicate worse access to services.
Factors that might affect the Accuracy of this Indicator	