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Annex 1

Number of doctors in medicine and neurosurgery from 2003-04 to 2012-13
(as at March 31, in the respective year)

Year	Medicine ¹	Neurosurgery
2003-04	1 022	65
2004-05	1 029	66
2005-06	1 046	69
2006-07	1 074	73
2007-08	1 089	79
2008-09	1 088	85
2009-10	1 098	85
2010-11	1 106	86
2011-12	1 125	84
2012-13	1 149	87

¹ The specialty of medicine includes 14 subspecialties (namely cardiology, dermatology & venereology, endocrinology, diabetes & metabolism, geriatric medicine, gastroenterology & hepatology, haematology & haematological oncology, immunology & allergy, infectious disease, internal medicine, medical oncology, nephrology, neurology, rheumatology and respiratory medicine). As the Hospital Authority has not compiled any statistics for individual subspecialties, the figures listed in this Annex are from the whole specialty of medicine.

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Annex 2

Number of attendances in specialist out-patient clinics
for medicine and neurosurgery
from 2003-04 to 2012-13

Year	Medicine ²	Neurosurgery
2003-04	1 578 045	46 491
2004-05	1 667 953	50 005
2005-06	1 686 994	50 459
2006-07	1 691 548	50 948
2007-08	1 687 984	53 297
2008-09	1 739 767	55 526
2009-10	1 809 422	58 386
2010-11	1 840 557	61 168
2011-12	1 846 776	63 961
2012-13	1 882 052	66 028

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Annex 3

Median waiting time for new cases in specialist out-patient (SOP) clinics for
medicine and neurosurgery from 2003-04 to 2012-13

Year	The median waiting time for SOP new cases (weeks)				
	Medicine				Neurosurgery
	Priority 1	Priority 2	Routine	All	
2003-04	No information			13	2
2004-05	No information			13	3
2005-06	No information			12	4
2006-07	1	6	29	10	4
2007-08	1	6	30	9	3
2008-09	<1	6	28	9	3
2009-10	<1	6	27	9	3
2010-11	<1	5	25	10	3
2011-12	<1	6	31	13	3
2012-13	<1	5	34	15	4

Note: The triage system for new cases in SOP clinics was introduced in April 2006, but the system is not applicable to new cases in neurosurgery.