

Annex 1

Number of Hospital Authority's Accident & Emergency (A&E) attendances by triage categories and timeslots in 2018 and 2023

Year	Timeslot	Number of A&E attendances				
		Priority 1 (Critical)	Priority 2 (Emergency)	Priority 3 (Urgent)	Priority 4 (Semi-urgent)	Priority 5 (Non-urgent)
2018	From 0:00 am to 7:59 am	5 079	9 153	112 498	178 460	9 527
	From 8:00 am to 3:59 pm	9 104	22 597	344 780	593 131	50 281
	From 4:00 pm to 11:59 pm	8 157	20 453	287 939	407 435	20 731
	TOTAL	22 340	52 203	745 217	1 179 026	80 539
2023 [Provisional Figures]	From 0:00 am to 7:59 am	6 052	9 304	114 774	165 885	7 552
	From 8:00 am to 3:59 pm	11 948	24 409	369 390	553 828	36 156
	From 4:00 pm to 11:59 pm	9 971	21 617	307 617	365 414	13 152
	TOTAL	27 971	55 330	791 781	1 085 127	56 860

Average waiting time of Hospital Authority's Accident & Emergency (A&E) services for each triage category in 2018 and 2023

Year	Average waiting time of A&E services (minutes)				
	Priority 1 (Critical)	Priority 2 (Emergency)	Priority 3 (Urgent)	Priority 4 (Semi-urgent)	Priority 5 (Non-urgent)
2018	0	8	26	112	129
2023 [Provisional Figures]	0	8	28	168	197

**Number of hospital admissions
through Hospital Authority's Accident & Emergency (A&E) in 2018
and 2023**

Year	Number of admissions through A&E ²	Number of admissions through A&E ² and having undergone surgery in operating theatres within 24 hours of admission
2018	749 535	16 957
2023 [Provisional Figures]	750 018	13 608

Note:

1. In view of the emergence of the COVID-19 epidemic in Hong Kong since early 2020, the Hospital Authority (HA) adjusted its services in response to the epidemic. This should be taken into account when comparing the throughput of services provided by the HA across the years. With the subsiding of local COVID-19 epidemic situation and cessation of anti-epidemic measures in early 2023, the HA has been gradually resuming provision of all of its public healthcare services to tie in with the Government's measures of resumption of normalcy.
2. It refers to the number of hospital admissions through A&E departments to hospitals with A&E services (excluding St. John Hospital, North Lantau Hospital and Tin Shui Wai Hospital).