

Case study: Improving emergency and urgent access to care without needing to admit patients

We are seeing more emergency patients with the opening of our Same Day Emergency Care (SDEC) unit, which opened to extend the Ambulatory Emergency Care (AEC) unit. It will provide same day care for patients who would otherwise have been admitted overnight.

The AEC unit, which treated emergency day case patients who didn't require bedded care, could previously care for up to 40 patients, but with the new SDEC this has expanded capacity to potentially see another 25 patients a day.

The SDEC unit is fully equipped with monitors that can measure heart rate and blood pressure, along with Point of Care Testing equipment, which analyses blood samples and gives results within 20-minutes.

The opening hours for the unit are 8.30am-12.30am, Monday to Friday and 9am-7pm on Saturdays and Sundays.

The Acute Medical team has recognised the specific needs of our population and the increased number of patients that can be seen, treated and discharged on the same day.