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Mr Alan Farrell TD  
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January 20, 2021.

Dear Mr Farrell

Reference your enquiry referred to myself on 07.01.21 in regard to the manner in which neurological service referrals are prioritised.

**Outpatient**

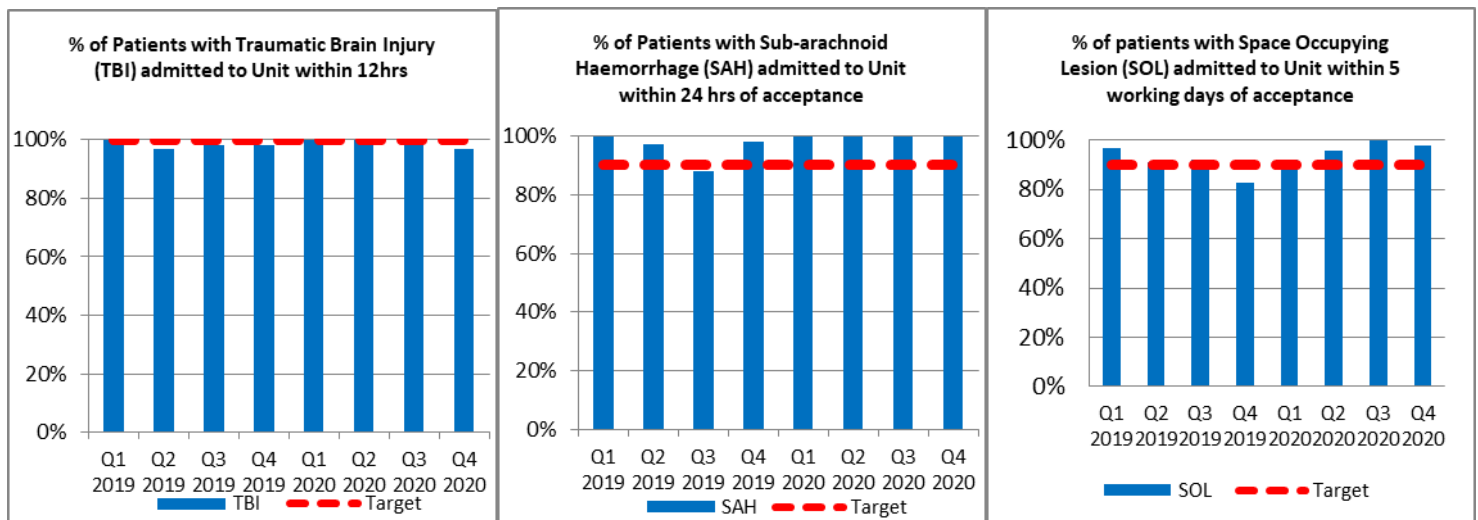
- GP / tertiary referrals for consultation are triaged by designated Consultant and given an appointment that gives cognisance to perceived clinical urgency identified and, the need for chronological order.

**Hospital → Hospital inpatient transfers - predominantly neurosurgery**

- referrals can be made on a 24/7 basis and where necessary including appropriate MRI / CT scans undertaken within the referring hospital.
- based on the appropriateness for clinical intervention, patients are transferred to the hospital.

Key access time targets in this regard are:

- Traumatic Brain Injury admitted to unit within 12 hours of acceptance (100% target)
- Sub-arachnoid haemorrhage admitted with 24 hours of acceptance (90% target)
- Space Occupying Lesion admitted within 5 working days of acceptance (90% target)



- during 2020 the hospital exceeded each of these referral access targets.

Please contact me directly if you require further information or any clarification.

Kind regards

**IAN CARTER**  
**CHIEF EXECUTIVE**