

## ORAL AND MAXILLOFACIAL SURGERY SERVICES

### CHAPTER 17

Oral and maxillofacial surgery includes, dentoalveolar surgery, preprosthetic surgery, oral and craniofacial implantology orthognathic/reconstructive facial surgery, maxillo facial oncology microsurgery techniques and the management oral infections and diseases. Facial trauma services are provided at Liverpool Hospital. Minimal elective Oral and Maxillofacial surgical needs are provided at Liverpool Hospital. All other elective services are provided through the Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery Department at Westmead Hospital.

In 2006, at a planned 85% occupancy, assuming no changes in flows that for adult patients there will be a need for approximately one bed in SWSAHS hospitals. Demand for oral and maxillofacial surgery is forecast to increase by 8.3% to 2006 and by an additional 10.9% 2011.

### Current Services Provision

Elective Oral and Maxillofacial surgery needs, particularly for patients who are health care or pension card holders coming from dental clinics in Yagoona, Bradbury, Ingleburn, Narellan, Cartwright, Hoxton Park Wollondilly together with patients from the Bankstown, Campbelltown and Bowral Hospitals are provided with care through the outpatient clinics and operative sessions in the Oral and Maxillofacial surgery department at Westmead Hospital.

Urgent requests are also received for the management of patients prior to other procedures such as cardiothoracic and oncological surgery.

#### Liverpool

Minimal elective Oral and Maxillofacial surgery is provided at Liverpool Hospital.

In 2002/03, there were 61 separations; average LOS was 2.7 days (3.4 days excluding day only). At 95% occupancy this is equivalent to 0.5 beds.

### RECOMMENDATIONS

- Oral and maxillofacial surgery services be developed as an Area-wide service.
- Complex Oral and facio-maxillary surgery be developed at Liverpool to include elective and emergency surgery. Elective non-complex surgery be developed at Bankstown.
- Establish a monthly joint cranio-facial clinic.
- Establish an advanced trainee position with close ties to Plastic/Head & Neck/ENT surgical service provision.
- Further development of reconstructive and prosthodontic rehabilitation post tumour resection/reconstruction be considered.