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Caseflow

1.1 Matters determined as a percentage of all matters heard

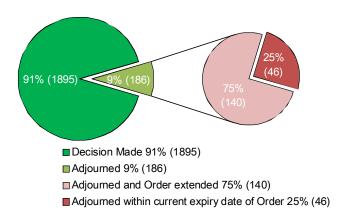
In the October to December 2017 period, 91% of hearing requests (1,895) were determined and 186 (9%) were adjourned. The number of pending matters remained steady at less than 1% of the total caseload.

In this quarter, three matters were unable to be determined before the expiry of the patient's Order due to an error made by the Tribunal. In addition, six matters were determined outside the legislative timeframes. These six matters were adjourned by the Tribunal beyond 28 days of the date of a Treatment Order variation.

2. Adjournments

2.1 Proportion of matters adjourned

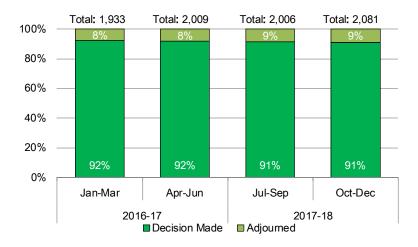
The number of adjournments as a proportion of matters determined has remained relatively consistent in the last four quarters. 75 per cent (140) of adjourned matters extended the Order. The primary reason for the Tribunal granting an adjournment with extension was in relation to procedural fairness (including allowing time to enable participation of the patient).



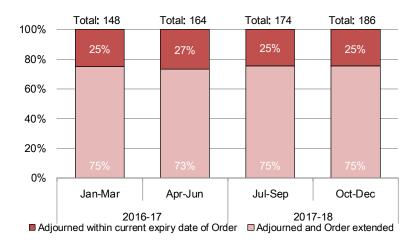


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Comparison of matters determined and adjourned between quarters



Comparison of matters adjourned with and without Order being extended





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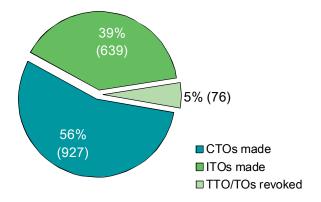
3. Tribunal Orders

3.1 Treatment Order determinations made by the Tribunal

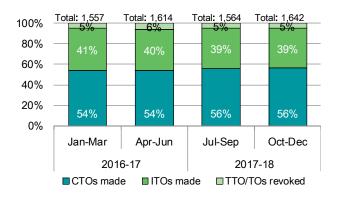
When the Tribunal makes an Order, the Tribunal must determine the category of the Order (Community Treatment Order or an Inpatient Treatment Order) based on the circumstances at the time of the hearing.

The patient's treating team is required to regularly review the category of the Order and whether the criteria for compulsory treatment apply to the patient, and may vary an Inpatient Treatment Order to a Community Treatment Order if satisfied that treatment can occur in the community (or revoke the Order if the treatment criteria no longer apply). Conversely, if a person on a Community Treatment Order can no longer be treated in the community their Order can be varied to an Inpatient Treatment Order.

Between October and December 2017 the Tribunal made 927 Community Treatment Orders, 639 Inpatient Treatment Orders and revoked 76 Temporary Treatment Orders / Treatment Orders.



Comparison of Tribunal determinations between quarters



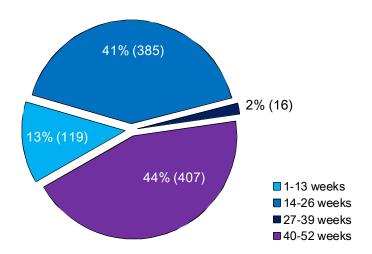


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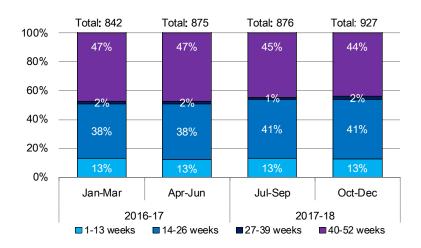
3.2 Duration of Orders made

When the Tribunal makes an Order, the Tribunal must set the duration of the Order.

Duration of Community Treatment Orders



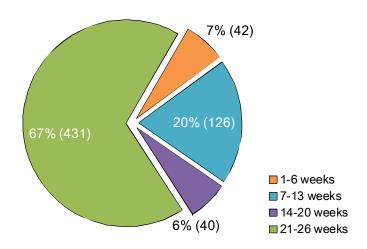
Comparison of Community Treatment Order duration between quarters



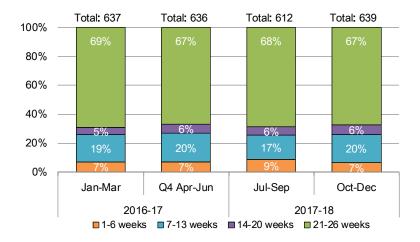


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Duration of Inpatient Treatment Orders



Comparison of Inpatient Treatment Order duration between quarters



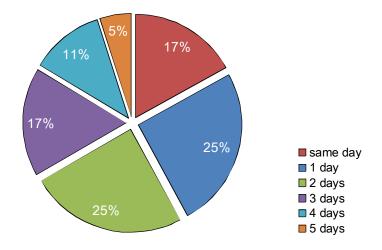


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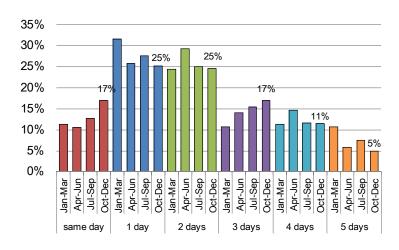
4. ECT Orders

4.1 Elapsed time from receipt of ECT application to hearing

The Tribunal must list and complete the hearing of an application for ECT as soon as practicable and within five business days after receiving the application. In the October to December 2017 quarter, 42% of ECT applications were listed for hearing on the same day or within one day of the application being received. The Tribunal Registry aims to list and hear matters within the timeframe requested by the service, and also liaises with services when listing hearings to ensure patients receive procedural fairness.



Comparison of elapsed time from receipt of ECT application to hearing between quarters

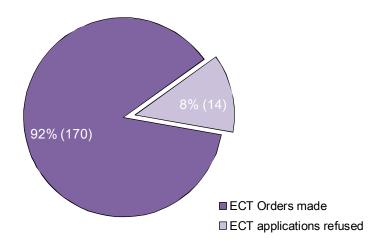




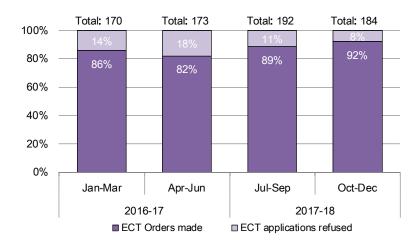
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4.2 ECT Orders made and applications refused by the Tribunal

Between October and December 2017, the Tribunal heard 184 applications for ECT Orders. Of those, 170 (92%) ECT Orders were made and 14 (8%) ECT applications were refused.



Comparison of Tribunal ECT determinations between quarters

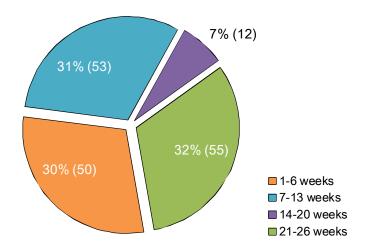




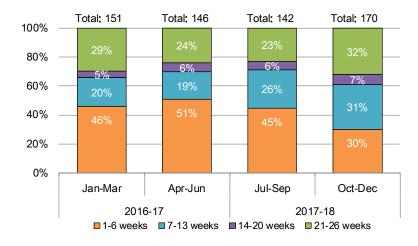
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4.3 Duration of ECT Orders

When making an ECT Order, the Tribunal must set the duration of the Order and the maximum number of ECT treatments that can be administered under the Order.



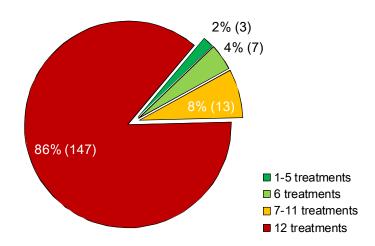
Comparison of ECT Order duration between quarters



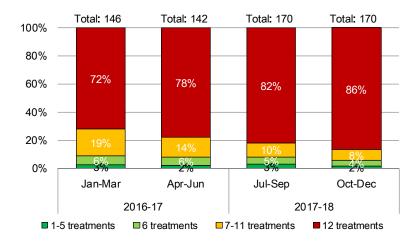


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4.4 Number of treatments authorised through ECT Orders



Comparison of treatments authorised through ECT Orders between quarters



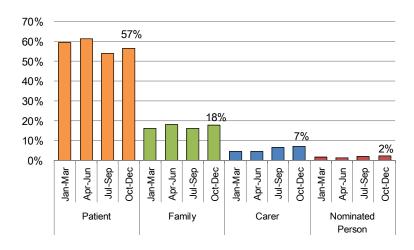


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Attendance at hearings and feedback received by the Tribunal

5.1 Attendance

Comparison of attendance by patients and those who support them



5.2 Feedback

During the quarter the Tribunal received five complaints. The complaints received during this period related to:

- The conduct of a hearing (x2)
- Lack of gender balance of a Tribunal division
- Not providing hearing notification to a parent of an adult patient.

All complaints were investigated consistent with the Tribunal's feedback and complaints process which is available on the Tribunal's website. All complaints have been responded to.