

WA 2

Location and timing of chest drain insertions

	Drains for Pneumothorax n = 239	Drains for pleural effusions n = 585	All drains n = 824
Procedure location			
Accident and emergency	98 (41%)	14 (2%)	112 (14%)
Medical admissions ward (patient bedside)	48 (20%)	93 (16%)	141 (17%)
Medical ward (patient bedside)	45 (19%)	214 (38%)	259 (31%)
Dedicated procedure room	22 (9%)	151 (26%)	173 (21%)
Radiology department	7 (3%)	62 (11%)	69 (14%)
Other	19 (8%)	41 (7%)	60 (7%)
Procedure timing			
8am – 6pm	118 (49%)	385 (66%)	503 (61%)
6pm-8am	85 (36%)	93 (16%)	178 (22%)
'Out of hours'			
Not documented	35 (15%)	105 (18%)	143 (17%)