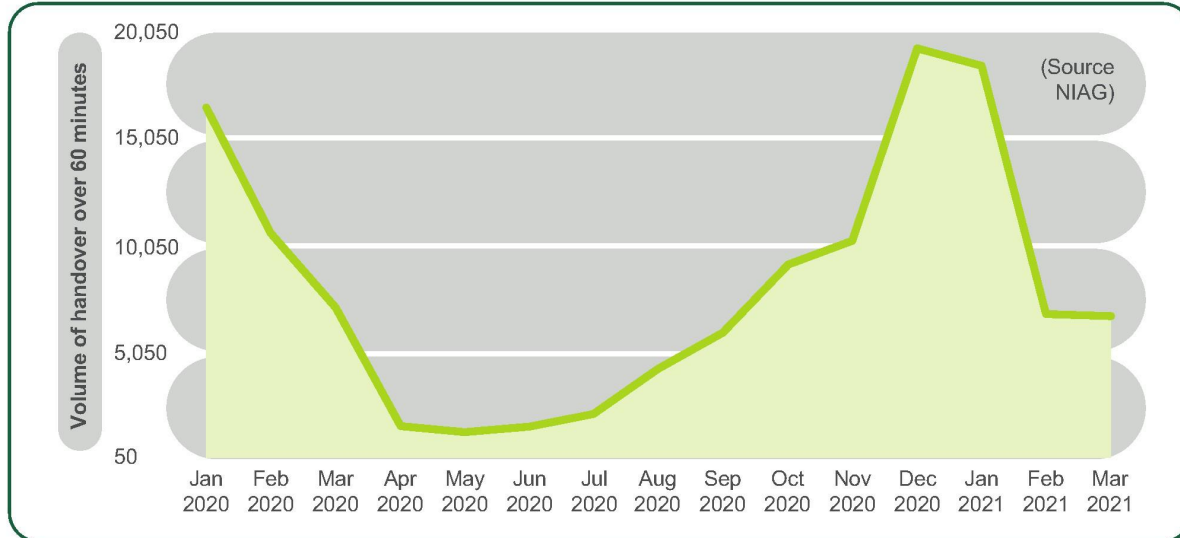


**Chart 5. Handover delays exceeding 60 minutes have increased since the start of the pandemic**



A significant consequence of this has been the impact on hospital handover delays – especially those exceeding 60 minutes. These dropped to around 6,000 per month at the start of the first lockdown, but had tripled to 20,000 per month by the end of the year, and have continued to increase, reaching over 37,000 in October 2021.

