

IVF Waiting Times in NHSScotland

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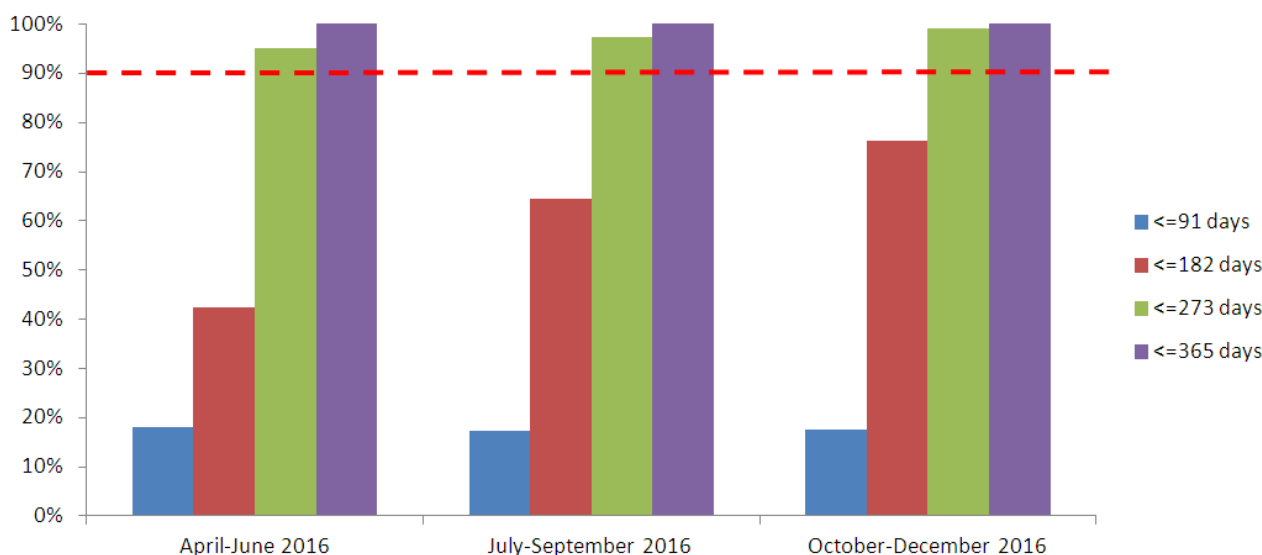
This publication by Information Services Division (ISD) contains the quarterly update about how long eligible patients waited from referral to screening appointment for in vitro fertilization (IVF) treatment by the NHS in Scotland.

Main Points

During the quarter ending December 2016:

- 487 eligible patients were screened at one of the four IVF centres, compared with 387 in the previous quarter – this is a 25.8% increase.
- 99.8% of patients were screened for IVF treatment within 365 days.
- Three quarters of patients were screened within 182 days.
- Since reporting started two years ago, the 90% target has been met.

Percentage of eligible patients screened for IVF treatment by length of wait. (Red line shows target of 90% seen within 365 days)



Background

IVF is an effective method of assisted reproductive technology used to treat infertility.

The Scottish Government requires NHS Scotland to measure the length of time people wait for treatment. The target that 90% of eligible patients (which includes treatment for male infertility) will begin IVF treatment within 12 months by 31 March 2015 is measured by the percentage of patients who were screened at an IVF Centre within 12 months of receipt of referral from a secondary care/acute consultant.

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Further Information

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The next publication is on Tuesday 30th May 2017.

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