

Publication Summary



National Drug and Alcohol Treatment Waiting Times Report

April - June 2012

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About this Release

The Scottish Government has set a target that by March 2013, 90% of people who need help with their drug or alcohol problem will wait no longer than three weeks for treatment that supports their recovery.

This release from the Drug and Alcohol Treatment Waiting Times Database (DATWT) contains quarterly data from 1 April 2012 to 30 June 2012 at national, NHS Board and Alcohol and Drug Partnership (ADP) level. The report is on the full client journey for both drug and alcohol treatments and so contains information on the number of clients seen, the time waited and types of treatment accessed.

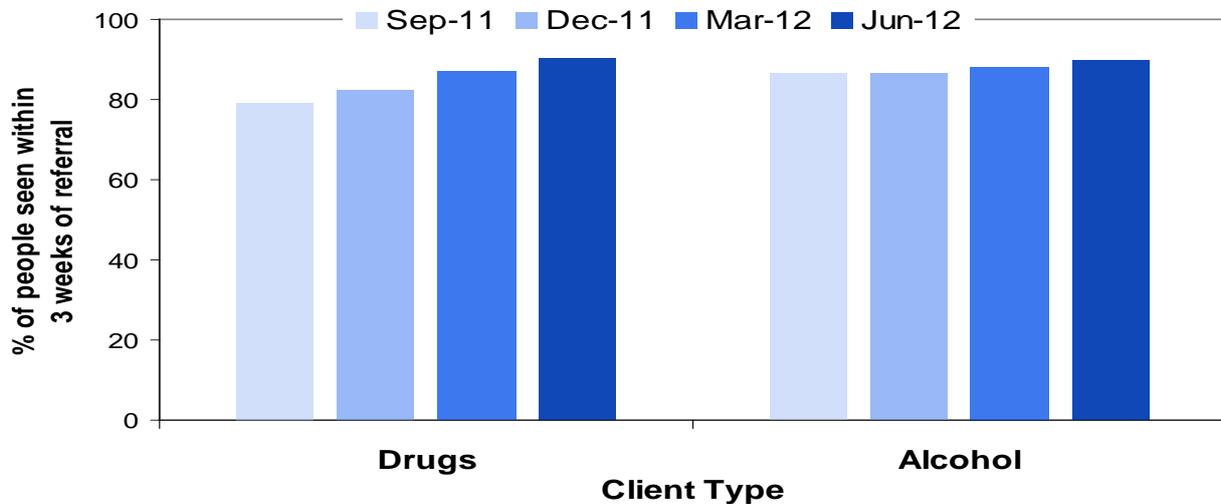
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Key Points

- In April - June 2012, of the 10,942 people who started their first drug and/or alcohol treatment, 90.0% had waited 3 weeks or less, compared to 87.7% in the previous quarter.
- 89.9% of the 7,126 people who started alcohol treatment between April and June 2012 had waited 3 weeks or less, compared to 88.2% in the previous quarter.
- 90.0% of the 3,816 people who attended an appointment for drug treatment waited 3 weeks or less, compared to 86.8% in the previous quarter.
- Of the 3,378 people who were still waiting to start drug or alcohol treatment, 108 people, or 3.2%, had waited more than 6 weeks at the end of June 2012; this is an improvement on the previous quarter's 3.1%, or 121 people.

People Referred for Drug or Alcohol treatment in Scotland April-June 2012:

% seen within 3 weeks



Background

Data from treatment service providers are collected in the Drug and Alcohol Treatment Waiting Times Database which went live across Scotland on 1 April 2011. The system enables the measurement of the full wait from referral to treatment for both drug and alcohol services, and can calculate the time a person waits for treatment. Information is also collected on whether the individual *could not* or *did not* attend offered appointments and allows for periods of unavailability to be recorded. Prior to the introduction of the current database, information was only collected on drug treatment waiting times. Trend data for drug waiting times prior to April 2011 is not published as the current data is not comparable with data from the old system.

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