

# Publication Summary



## National Drug and Alcohol Treatment Waiting Times Report

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### About this Release

The Information Services Division's report on drug and alcohol treatment waiting times contains new data from 1 January to 31 March 2015 at Scotland, NHS Board and Alcohol and Drug Partnership level. It contains information on the number of people seen for treatment, the time waited and types of treatment accessed.

### Key points

- In January - March 2015, 95.0% of the 11,114 people who started their first drug or alcohol treatment waited 3 weeks or less (HEAT standard), the same as in the previous quarter.
- For alcohol treatment, 95.5% of 6,978 people waited 3 weeks or less between January - March 2015, a slight decrease from 95.7% in the previous quarter.
- For drug treatment, 94.1% of 4,136 people waited 3 weeks or less, a slight increase from 93.7% in the previous quarter.
- Of the 3,104 people who were still waiting to start drug or alcohol treatment, 192 people, or 6.2%, had waited more than 6 weeks at the end of March 2015, compared to 129 people (5.0%) in the previous quarter.

### Background

The data in this publication is a snapshot of a dynamic database, which means that data for previous quarters may not be the same as found in previous publications for the same time period. Data for the most recent quarter is provisional and as such is subject to revisions in future publications.

The Scottish Government's HEAT standard for drug and alcohol treatment states that 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.

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### Further Information

All of our information on Drug and Alcohol waiting times is available at.

<http://www.isdscotland.org/Health-Topics/Waiting-Times/Drugs-and-Alcohol/>

The [full waiting times report for this quarter can be accessed here](#).

An interactive dashboard providing information on problem drug use for 2013/14 is also published today: [Access the online Scottish Drugs Misuse Database dashboard](#)

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