

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 April to 30 June 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 April - June 2015, 95.3% of the 11,311 people who started their first drug or alcohol treatment waited three weeks or less, similar to the previous quarter.
 - For alcohol treatment, 96.2% of 6,984 people waited three weeks or less between April -June 2015, a slight increase from 95.7% in the previous quarter.
 - For drug treatment, 93.9% of 4,327 people waited three weeks or less, the same as in the previous quarter.
- Of the 3,017 people who were still waiting to start drug or alcohol treatment, 169 people, or 5.6%, had waited more than six weeks at the end of June 2015, compared to 137 people (4.3%) in the previous quarter.
- In April–June 2015, of the 1,157 people in prison, who started their first drug or alcohol treatment, 95.9% waited three weeks or less and 77.2% waited one week or less.

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 Local Delivery Plan (LDP) 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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