

# Publication Summary



## National Drug and Alcohol Treatment Waiting Times Report

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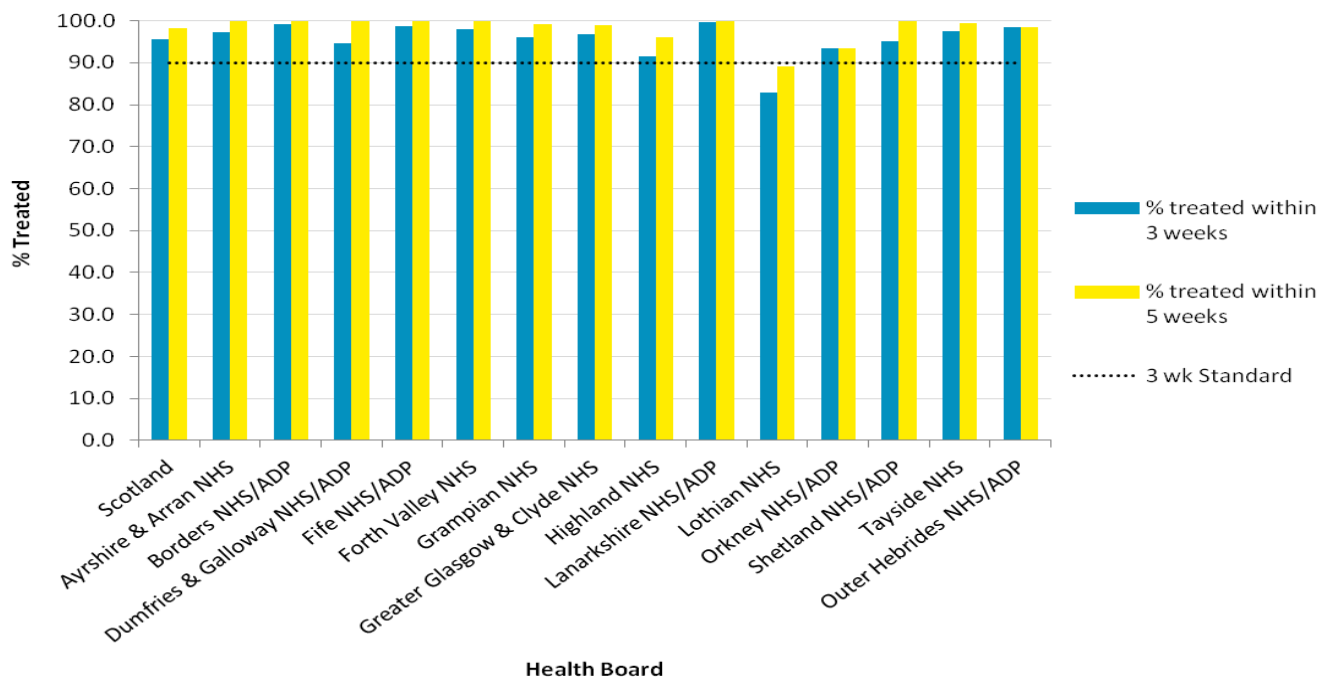
### About this Release

This Information Services Division publication reports on the waiting times for people accessing drug and alcohol treatment services between July and September 2015. It contains information on the number of people seen for treatment, the length of time waited as well as types of treatment accessed.

### Main Points

- The proportion of people receiving early access to their first treatment for drug or alcohol misuse continues to be high. 95.6% of the 11,694 people who started their first treatment waited three weeks or less in the quarter ending September 2015. This is similar to the previous quarter (95.4%). More than half of people (54.5%) started their first treatment within 1 week of referral.
  - For the 7,288 people seeking alcohol treatment, 96.7% waited 3 weeks or less, similar to the previous quarter (96.3%).
  - For the 4,406 people seeking drug treatment, 93.8% waited 3 weeks or less, similar to the previous quarter (93.9%).
- The proportion of people treated within 3 weeks varies by local Alcohol and Drug Partnerships, ranging from 80.3% to 100%.
- At the end of this quarter, 2,852 people were waiting to start their first drug or alcohol treatment, of which 254 (8.9%) had been waiting more than 6 weeks. This is an increase from the previous quarter when 168 (5.2%) people were waiting more than 6 weeks.
- In prisons, 1,358 people started their first drug or alcohol treatment between July - September 2015, with 97.7% waiting 3 weeks or less and 74.4% waiting one week or less.

## Percentage of people referred for Drug and Alcohol treatment within 3 weeks and 5 weeks, All NHS Boards, July-September 2015



- All NHS Boards in Scotland met the Scottish Government's Local Delivery Plan standard except NHS Lothian.

## Background

The Scottish Government's Local Delivery Plan 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. 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 may be revised in future publications.

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## Further Information

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