Emergency Department Activity and Waiting Times Monthly Update

Publication Notes:

1. This document is a National Statistics Publication.
2. This document only includes 'New' and 'Unplanned Return' attendances at Accident & Emergency (A&E), i.e. excludes those who are 'Recall' or 'Planned Return'.
3. A&E sites submit data as either episode level files containing a detailed record for each attendance or as aggregate files containing monthly summary attendance and compliance figures only. See 'List of Sites' for details.
4. This publication contains information on all A&E sites across NHS Scotland where possible. However for sites submitting an aggregated return to ISD, information on the number of patients waiting for more than 8 hours, 12 hours and the patient’s destination upon leaving the A&E department is unavailable. Please take this into account when interpreting the information presented in this document.
5. Note that some hospitals began submitting episode level data throughout the time period of this report. More details can be found on the 'List of Sites'.
6. Since 2007, the national standard for A&E waiting times is that new and unplanned return attendances at an A&E service should be seen and then admitted, transferred or discharged within four hours. This standard applies to all areas of emergency care such as EDs, assessment units, minor injury units, community hospitals, anywhere where emergency care type activity takes place. For information on how the Scottish Government (SG) plans to monitor NHS Boards’ performance within A&E Services, please see the NHS Local Delivery Plan standards.
7. Emergency Department (ED) is a larger A&E site that typically provides a 24 hour consultant led service.
8. MIU / Other is a site that includes minor injuries units (MIU), small hospitals and health centres in rural areas that carry out emergency department related activity and are GP or Nurse led. They may or may not be open 24 hours.
9. The waiting time is defined as the time of arrival until the time of discharge, admission or transfer.
10. Discharge Destination groupings comprise:

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| Place of residence     | (01) Private residence  
                            (02) Residential institution  
                            (03) Temporary residence    |
| Admission to same hospital | (04) Admission to same NHS healthcare provider/hospital.               |
| Transfer               | (05) Transfer to other NHS healthcare provider/hospital                |
| Other specified        | (06) Private healthcare provider  
                            (00) Death                  |
| Unknown                | (98) Other  
                            (99) Not known               |