

Publication Summary



Inpatient, Day Case and New Outpatient Stage of Treatment waiting times

(formerly known as New Ways)

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About this Release

This release details monthly and quarterly summary of waiting times and waiting lists in the acute sector of NHS Scotland (includes data to 30 September 2012).

Key Points

- At 30 September 2012, 97.1% of new outpatients (all sources of referral) had been waiting 12 weeks or less. This is the statistic used by NHS Boards, from 31 March 2010, to measure performance against the Scottish Government waiting times standard for new outpatients. This compares to a figure of 96.9% at 30 June 2012.
- At 30 September 2012, 95.0% of inpatients and day cases were waiting 9 weeks or less. This statistic shows progress towards delivery of the Treatment Time Guarantee which came into effect on 1 October 2012. This compares to a figure of 94.1% at 30 June 2012.
- During quarter ending 30 September 2012, 94.1% of new outpatients seen (all sources of referral) and 91.9% for inpatients and day cases admitted had waited less than 12 and 9 weeks respectively.

Background

This is the latest publication of waiting times statistics following the introduction of 'New Ways of defining and measuring waiting times' on 1 January 2008. This introduced a significant change in how NHS Scotland collects and defines waiting times, and also how waiting lists are clinically and administratively managed.

Waiting times are calculated taking account of any periods of unavailability and missed or cancelled appointments.

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