

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 31 March 2013).

This is the second publication showing NHS Board compliance with the Treatment Time Guarantee legislation. Treatment Time Guarantee data are based on aggregate returns supplied by NHS Boards and therefore this is an interim publication until developments in local systems can supply patient level detail. ISD strongly recommend that users read the supporting information and accompanying footnotes for each chart and table.

Key Points

Inpatients and Day cases from 01 October 2012 including Treatment Time Guarantee:

- During the quarter ending 31 March 2013, 98.7% of inpatients and day cases were seen within the Treatment Time Guarantee of 12 weeks (84 days).
- The first date at which a patient could breach the 12 weeks guarantee was on 24 December 2012.
- As at 31 March 2013, 52,722 patients were on the inpatient and day case waiting list, of which 9,046 were recorded as unavailable.

Inpatient and Day cases prior to 01 October 2012:

- The cohort of inpatient and day case admissions added to the waiting list prior to 01 October 2012 is decreasing rapidly as patients are treated.
- As at 31 March 2013, 1,517 patients remained on the inpatient and day case waiting list, of which 763 were recorded as unavailable.

New Outpatients:

- At 31 March 2013, 97.5% of new outpatients (all sources of referral) had been waiting 12 weeks or less for an appointment. This compares to a figure of 97.3% at 31 December 2012. This statistic is used by NHS Boards from 31 March 2010 to measure performance against Scottish Government waiting times standards for new outpatients.

- During quarter ending 31 March 2013, 93.9% of new outpatients seen (all sources of referral) had waited less than 12 weeks. This compares to a figure of 94.8% at 31 December 2012.

'Whole Patient Journey' – Cardiac and Cataract

- This cohort of patients includes those added to inpatient or day case waiting list prior to 01 October 2012 and as a result are decreasing rapidly as these patients are treated.
- Of 3,570 patients waiting for cataract assessment as at 31 March 2013, 91.4% were waiting equal to or less than the local target.

Background

There have been a number of changes in waiting times and waiting list recording over the last 20 years. Information is available in the [Waiting Times & Waiting List History document](#).

The recommended documents relating to waiting times and the incorporation of TTG are:

- The [Patient Rights \(Scotland\) Act 2011](#).
- The Regulations and Directions under the Act - [CEL 17 \(2012\)](#).
- Treatment Time Guarantee Guidance – [CEL 32 \(2012\)](#).
- Updated version of the NHSScotland Waiting Time Guidance – [CEL 33 \(2012\)](#).

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