

# Publication Summary



## Diagnostic Waiting Times

Monthly data to 30 June 2013

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### About this Release

Diagnostic Waiting Times are an important component in the delivery of the 18 Weeks Referral to Treatment standard (a maximum whole journey waiting time of 18 weeks from general practitioner to treatment).

The Scottish Government introduced a six week maximum waiting time for eight key diagnostic tests and investigations from 31 March 2009. This supersedes a target of nine weeks which was initially introduced on 31 December 2007.

This release details a summary of waiting times for total patients waiting, and those waiting over four, six and nine weeks, for the eight key diagnostic tests and investigations from June 2011 to June 2013.

### Key Points

- At 30 June 2013, 47,479 patients in NHS Scotland were waiting for one of eight key diagnostic tests.
- 97.0% of patients waiting for a key diagnostic test had been waiting less than six weeks. This has increased from 96.2% at 31 March 2013.
- 91.7% of patients waiting for a key diagnostic test had been waiting less than four weeks which is an increase from 89.2% at 31 March 2013. This is the local target that NHS Boards are working to.

## Background

Information on the following eight key diagnostic tests and investigations waiting times has been collected nationally since 2006:

### Endoscopy

- Upper Endoscopy
- Lower Endoscopy (excluding Colonoscopy)
- Colonoscopy
- Cystoscopy

### Radiology

- CT Scan
- MRI Scan
- Barium Studies
- Non-obstetric ultrasound

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