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 June 2013).

This is the third 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 30 June 2013, 98.4% of inpatients and day cases were seen within the Treatment Time Guarantee of 12 weeks (84 days). This compares to a figure of 98.5% at 31 March 2013.
- At 30 June 2013, 48,223 patients were on the inpatient and day case waiting list, of which 18.9% 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.
- At 30 June 2013, 446 patients remained on the inpatient and day case waiting list, of which 215 were recorded as unavailable.

New Outpatients:
- At 30 June 2013, 97.0% of new outpatients (all sources of referral) had been waiting 12 weeks or less for an appointment. This compares to a figure of 97.5% at 31 March 2013. This statistic is used by NHS Boards from 31 March 2010 to measure performance against Scottish Government waiting times standards for new outpatients.
- During the quarter ending 30 June 2013, 94.4% of new outpatients seen (all sources of referral) had waited less than 12 weeks. This compares to a figure of 94.0% at 31 March 2013.
‘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.
- At 30 June 2013, 4,088 patients were waiting for a cataract assessment, of which 91.9% had been waiting less than or equal to 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).

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