

Publication Summary



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

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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 2013).

This is the fourth 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

1. Inpatients and Day cases

- During the quarter ending 30 September 2013, 98.3% of inpatients and day cases were seen within the TTG of 12 weeks (84 days). There has been no change in performance since quarter ending 30 June 2013.
- At 30 September 2013, 98.6% of inpatients and day cases had been waiting 12 weeks or less. This has decreased from 98.7% at 30 June 2013.
- At 30 September 2013, 50,323 patients were on the inpatient and day case waiting list, of which 18.0% were recorded as unavailable. This compares to 19.2% at 30 June 2013.

2. New Outpatients

- At 30 September 2013, 95.4% of new outpatients had been waiting 12 weeks or less for an appointment. Performance against the national waiting time standard has decreased from 97.0% at 30 June 2013.
- During the quarter ending 30 September 2013, 93.0% of new outpatients seen had waited less than 12 weeks. This has decreased from 94.3% at 30 June 2013.
- At 30 September 2013, 4.7% of patients were reported as unavailable for a new outpatient appointment. This compares to 4.5% at June 2013.

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 NHS Scotland Waiting Time Guidance – [CEL 33 \(2012\)](#).

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