

Publication Summary



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

Quarter ending 31 December 2013

Publication date – 25 February 2014



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 December 2013).

This is the fifth 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. Inpatient and Day cases

- During the quarter ending 31 December 2013, 98.3% of inpatients and day cases were seen within the TTG of 12 weeks (84 days). This compares to 98.2% at quarter ending 30 September 2013.
- At 31 December 2013, there were 52,537 patients on the inpatient and day case waiting list, of which 98.5% had been waiting 12 weeks or less. This compares to 98.6% at 30 September 2013.
- At 31 December 2013, of those patients on the waiting list, 20.6% were recorded as unavailable. This has increased from 18.0% at 30 September 2013.

2. New Outpatients

- At 31 December 2013, 95.3% of new outpatients had been waiting 12 weeks or less for an appointment. This is a slight decrease from 95.7% at 30 September 2013.
- During the quarter ending 31 December 2013, 93.1% of new outpatients seen had waited less than 12 weeks. This compares to 93.0% at 30 September 2013.
- At 31 December 2013, 5.0% of patients were reported as unavailable for a new outpatient appointment. This compares to 4.9% at 30 September 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 \(2012\)](#).

Contact

Jacqueline Ferguson

Information Analyst

jacqueline.ferguson4@nhs.net

0141 282 2111

Stuart Kerr

Senior Information Analyst

stuartkerr2@nhs.net

0131 275 6363

Michael Burslem

Principle Information Analyst

michael.burslem@nhs.net

0131 275 6532

General Enquiries

Nss.isdwaitingtime@nhs.net

Further Information

Further information can be found in the [Full Publication Report](#) or on the [ISD website](#)

About ISD

Scotland has some of the best health service data in the world combining high quality, consistency, national coverage and the ability to link data to allow patient based analysis and follow up. Information Services Division (ISD) is a business operating unit of NHS National Services Scotland - and has been in existence for over 40 years. We are an essential support service to NHSScotland and the Scottish Government Health Department and others, responsive to the needs of NHSScotland as the delivery of health and social care evolves.

Official Statistics

Information Services Division (ISD) is the principal and authoritative source of statistics on health and care services in Scotland. ISD is designated by legislation as a producer of 'Official Statistics'. Our official statistics publications are produced to a high professional standard and comply with the Code of Practice for Official Statistics. The Code of Practice is produced and monitored by the UK Statistics Authority which is independent of Government. Under the Code of Practice, the format, content and timing of statistics publications are the responsibility of professional staff working within ISD.

Further information on ISD's statistics, including compliance with the Code of Practice for Official Statistics, and on the UK Statistics Authority, is available on the [ISD website](#) www.isdscotland.org/About-ISD/About-Our-Statistics/