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 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).

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