

# 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 March 2014). This is the sixth publication showing NHS Board compliance with the Treatment Time Guarantee legislation. The data in this section is based on aggregate returns submitted by NHS Boards. ISD strongly recommend that users read the supporting information and accompanying footnotes for each chart and table.

### Key Points

Following system developments by NHS Boards and ISD, in line with regulations and guidance, ISD are now receiving patient level data from the majority of Boards into the ISD waiting times warehouse. Subject to data being of a high enough quality this will be used to produce the statistics for the August 2014 publication, covering the period April – June 2014.

#### 1. Inpatients and Day cases

- During quarter ending 31 March 2014, 97.3% of inpatients and day cases were seen within the TTG of 12 weeks (84 days). This has decreased from 98.3% at quarter ending 31 December 2013. When comparing to quarter ending 31 March 2013, performance has dropped from 98.5%.
- Since the introduction of TTG, the majority of patients who waited over 12 weeks were seen in NHS Lothian and NHS Grampian.
- At 31 March 2014, there were 50,865 patients on the inpatient and day case waiting list, of which 98.5% had been waiting 12 weeks or less. This has remained the same as at 31 December 2013.
- At 31 March 2014, of those patients on the waiting list, 17.6% were recorded as unavailable. This has decreased from 20.6% at 31 December 2013.

#### 2. New Outpatients

- At 31 March 2014, 97.3% of new outpatients had been waiting 12 weeks or less for an appointment. This has increased from 95.8% at 31 December 2013. When comparing to 31 March 2013, performance has dropped from 97.5%.

- NHS Lothian and NHS Forth Valley report an improvement in performance for quarter ending 31 March 2014.
- During quarter ending 31 March 2014, 92.5% of new outpatients seen had waited less than 12 weeks. This compares to 93.1% at 31 December 2013.
- At 31 March 2014, 4.1% of patients were reported as unavailable for a new outpatient appointment. This has decreased from 5.1% at 31 December 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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