

# Publication Summary



## Diagnostic Waiting Times

Monthly data to 30 June 2014

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### About this Release

Diagnostic Waiting Times are an important component in the delivery of the 18 Weeks Referral to Treatment standard (a maximum whole journey waiting time of 18 weeks from general practitioner to treatment). This release details a summary of waiting times for total patients waiting, and those waiting over four and six weeks, for the eight key diagnostic tests and investigations from 30 June 2012 to 30 June 2014.

### Key Points

On 31 March 2009, the Scottish Government introduced the waiting time standard that patients waiting for one of the eight key diagnostic tests and investigations would be waiting no longer than six weeks.

As at 30 June 2014:

- 56,591 patients in NHS Scotland were waiting for one of the eight key diagnostic tests and investigations. This is approximately 20% higher than 30 June 2013.
- 91.9% of patients waiting for a key diagnostic test had been waiting less than six weeks. When comparing to the position at 31 March 2014 and 30 June 2013, this has decreased from 95.4% and 97.0% respectively. The drop in performance is mainly due to the increase in patients waiting over six weeks for an Upper Endoscopy, Lower Endoscopy and Colonoscopy.
- The majority of the 4,608 patients waiting over six weeks in NHS Scotland were waiting to be seen in NHS Fife (39.2%) and NHS Grampian (28.9%).

## Background

Information on the following eight key diagnostic tests and investigations waiting times has been collected nationally since 2006:

### Endoscopy

- Upper Endoscopy
- Lower Endoscopy (excluding Colonoscopy)
- Colonoscopy
- Cystoscopy

### Radiology

- CT Scan
- MRI Scan
- Barium Studies
- Non-obstetric ultrasound

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