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 June 2014).

Key Points

Inpatients and Day cases
This publication release for quarter ending 30 June 2014, presents for the first time since the introduction of TTG, Inpatient and Day case statistics sourced directly from patient level data held by NHS Boards. This has allowed statistics to be compiled centrally using nationally consistent definitions and methods and will allow better comparison across the country and improved quality assurance. These statistics are likely to be more comparable across NHS Boards than those for previous quarters, but may be less comparable with previously published quarters.

For quarter ending 30 June 2014:
- 97.2% of Inpatients and Day cases were seen within the 12 week TTG.
- Of the 2,291 patients who were not treated within 12 weeks, 58.7% were seen in NHS Lothian.
- 98.0% had been waiting for 12 weeks or less for Inpatient or Day case admission at 30 June 2014.
- 20.6% of patients waiting at 30 June 2014 were recorded as being unavailable for treatment.

New Outpatients
Figures for most recent quarter incorporate changes to the calculation of waiting times for New Outpatients. Although not enshrined in law, approval was given to use the same waiting times calculation for new outpatients as applies to Inpatients and Day cases under the TTG. This change will impact on the comparability of New Outpatient waiting times statistics over time.
For quarter ending 30 June 2014:
- 95.5% of new outpatients had been waiting 12 weeks or less for an appointment at 30 June 2014.
- 93.0% of new outpatients seen had waited less than 12 weeks.
- 5.0% of patients waiting at 30 June 2014 were recorded as being unavailable to attend a new outpatient appointment.

As there are quite a number of changes in this publication compared to previous quarters, please ensure that you read the supporting information and accompanying footnotes for each chart and table.

**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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