

Publication Summary



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

Quarter ending 30 September 2013

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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 30 September 2014).

Key Points

Inpatients and Day cases

This publication release for quarter ending 30 September 2014, presents for the second 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 more robust data quality assurance.

For quarter ending 30 September 2014:

- 97.3% of Inpatients and Day cases were seen within the 12 week TTG. Of the 2,222 patients who were not treated within 12 weeks, 50.8% were seen in NHS Lothian.
- 97.6% of patients waiting for Inpatient or Day case admission had been waiting 12 weeks or less.
- 18.0% of patients waiting were recorded as being unavailable for treatment either due to not being medically ready, the patient advised they were not available (e.g. on holiday) or the patient requested to be treated at a specific location or by a specific consultant.

New Outpatients

Figures from 01 April 2014 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 September 2014:

- 92.4% of new outpatients had been waiting 12 weeks or less for an appointment at 30 September 2014.
- 90.6% of new outpatients seen had waited less than 12 weeks.
- 4.2% of patients waiting were recorded as being unavailable to attend a new outpatient appointment either due to not being medically ready, the patient advised they were not available (e.g. on holiday) or the patient requested to be treated at a specific location or by a specific consultant.

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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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