

# 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 2014).

### Key Points

#### Inpatients and Day cases

This publication release for quarter ending 31 December 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.

- During quarter ending 31 December 2014, 97.1% of Inpatients and Day cases were seen within the 12 week TTG. This has decreased from 97.3% during quarter ending 30 September 2014. Additionally, 9 out of 10 patients were seen within 77 days (11 weeks).
- Of the 2,342 patients who were not treated within 12 weeks during quarter ending 31 December 2014, 45.9% were seen in NHS Lothian, 19.9% in NHS Grampian and 19.8% in NHS Highland.
- At 31 December 2014, 96.9% of patients waiting for Inpatient or Day case admission had been waiting 12 weeks or less, this has decreased from 97.6% at 30 September 2014.
- At 31 December 2014, 20.7% of patients waiting were recorded as being unavailable for treatment. This has increased from 18.8% of patients waiting at 30 September 2014.

#### 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.

- At 31 December 2014, 90.8% of patients waiting for a new outpatient appointment had been waiting 12 weeks or less. This has decreased from 93.2% at 30 September 2014.
- Of the 24,530 patients who were waiting over 12 weeks as at 31 December 2014 for a new outpatient appointment, 21.8% were reported by NHS Grampian, 17.2% by NHS Ayrshire & Arran and 16.3% by NHS Highland.
- During the quarter ending 31 December 2014, 90.0% of new outpatients seen had waited less than 12 weeks. This has decreased from 90.6% during quarter ending 30 September 2014.
- At 31 December 2014, 3.8% of patients waiting were recorded as being unavailable to attend a new outpatient appointment. This has decreased from 5.0% of patients waiting at 30 September 2014.

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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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