

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. From the 01 October 2012, the Patient Rights (Scotland) Act 2011 establishes a 12 week maximum waiting times for the treatment of all eligible patients who are due to receive planned treatment delivered on an inpatient or day case basis (known as Treatment Time Guarantee).

From the 31 March 2010, no patient should wait longer than 12 weeks for a new outpatient appointment at a consultant-led clinic. This includes referrals from all sources.

Key Points

New Outpatients at 31 March 2015

- 92.0% of patients waiting for an appointment had been waiting 12 weeks or less. This compares to 97.0% at 31 March 2014 and 91.2% at 31 December 2014.
- The lowest performance was reported by NHS Highland (74.5%) and NHS Grampian (82.2%).
- 2.8% of patients waiting were recorded as being unavailable to attend an appointment. This compares to 4.3% for patients waiting at 31 March 2014 and 31 December 2014.

Inpatients and Day cases quarter ending 31 March 2015

- 94.5% of patients were seen within the 12 week TTG. This compares to 97.0% during quarter ending 31 March 2014 and 97.1% during quarter ending 31 December 2014.
- Of the 4,499 patients who were not treated within 12 weeks during quarter ending 31 March 2015, 33.0% were seen in NHS Lothian, 24.5% in NHS Highland and 14.1% in NHS Grampian.
- 17.7% of patients waiting were recorded as being unavailable for treatment. This compares to 19.4% at 31 March 2014 and 21.8% at 31 December 2014.

Background

Following a transitional phase to accommodate system changes in line with TTG legislation, all data from 01October 2012 is now sourced centrally to ensure consistency across Scotland. All New Outpatient, Inpatient and Day case figures have been refreshed accordingly.

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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