

Publication Summary



Diagnostic Waiting Times

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About this Release

Information Services Division (ISD) report on the waiting times for the eight key diagnostic tests and investigations. The Scottish Government waiting time standard is that patients waiting for one of these key diagnostic tests and investigations should wait no longer than six weeks. This release provides monthly summary waiting times for the total and the number of patients waiting over four and six weeks from 30 June 2013 to 30 June 2015.

Key Points

As at 30 June 2015:

- 60,360 patients in NHSScotland were waiting for one of the eight key diagnostic tests and investigations. This is 6.7% higher than the number of patients waiting at 30 June 2014 and 0.4% higher than as at 31 March 2015.
- 89.3% of patients waiting for a key diagnostic test had been waiting less than six weeks. This compares to 91.9% at 30 June 2014 and 91.2% at 31 March 2015.
- The lowest percentage figures were reported by NHS Ayrshire & Arran (75.7%), NHS Grampian (78.8%) and NHS Lothian (80.7%).

Background

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 referral to treatment). 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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