

Publication Summary



Inpatient, Day Case and New Outpatient Stage of Treatment Waiting Times

Quarter ending 30 June 2015

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About this Release

This release by Information Services Division details the latest summary of patients' waiting times associated with their referrals to acute hospitals.

From 1 October 2012, the Patient Rights (Scotland) Act 2011 established a 12 week maximum waiting time 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.

Key Points

New Outpatients at 30 June 2015

- 89.7% of patients waiting for an appointment had been waiting 12 weeks or less. This compares to 95.8% at 30 June 2014 and 92.2% at 31 March 2015.
- The lowest percentage figures were reported by NHS Highland (71.1%) and NHS Grampian (76.9%)
- 3.2% of patients waiting were unavailable to attend an appointment. This compares to 5.1% for patients waiting at 30 June 2014 and 3.0% at 31 March 2015.

Inpatients and Day cases for quarter ending 30 June 2015

- 94.9% of patients were seen within the 12 week Treatment Time Guarantee. This compares to 97.1% during quarter ending 30 June 2014 and 94.7% during quarter ending 31 March 2015.
- The lowest percentage figures were reported by NHS Highland (83.7%), NHS Lothian (89.8%) and NHS Tayside (89.8%).
- 20.8% of patients waiting were recorded as being unavailable for treatment. This compares to 21.3% at 30 June 2014 and 18.6% at 31 March 2015.

Background

Following a transitional phase to accommodate system changes in line with TTG legislation, all data from 1 October 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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