About this Release
This release by Information Services Division details the latest summary of patients' waiting times associated with their referrals to acute hospitals. For the first time, this summary brings together the key points from three publications relevant to Scottish Government Waiting Time Standards:

- Inpatient, Day Case and New Outpatient Stage of Treatment
- Diagnostic Tests and Investigations
- 18 weeks Referral to Treatment

The 18 Weeks Referral to Treatment standard overarches the stage of treatment standards for New Outpatient appointments, Diagnostic tests and Inpatient or Day case treatment.

Key Points

- 86.1% of patients waiting for a New Outpatient appointment at 30 September 2015 had been waiting 12 weeks or less. This compares to 89.8% at 30 June 2015 and 93.2% at 30 September 2014.

- 90.3% of patients waiting for a key Diagnostic test at 30 September 2015 had been waiting less than six weeks. This compares to 89.3% at 30 June 2015 and 91.0% at 30 September 2014.

- 94.6% of patients were seen within the 12 week Treatment Time Guarantee for quarter ending 30 September 2015. This compares to 94.9% during quarter ending 30 June 2015 and 97.2% during quarter ending 30 September 2014.

- 87.2% of patients were seen within the 18 week Referral to Treatment standard during month ending 30 September 2015. This compares to 88.3% seen during month ending 30 June 2015 and 89.4% during month ending 30 September 2014.
Background
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).

Further Information
Further information can be found on the Waiting Times pages of the ISD website.

NHS Performs
A selection of information from this publication is included in NHS Performs. NHS Performs is a website that brings together a range of information on how hospitals and NHS Boards within NHSScotland are performing.

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