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IVF Waiting Times in NHSScotland

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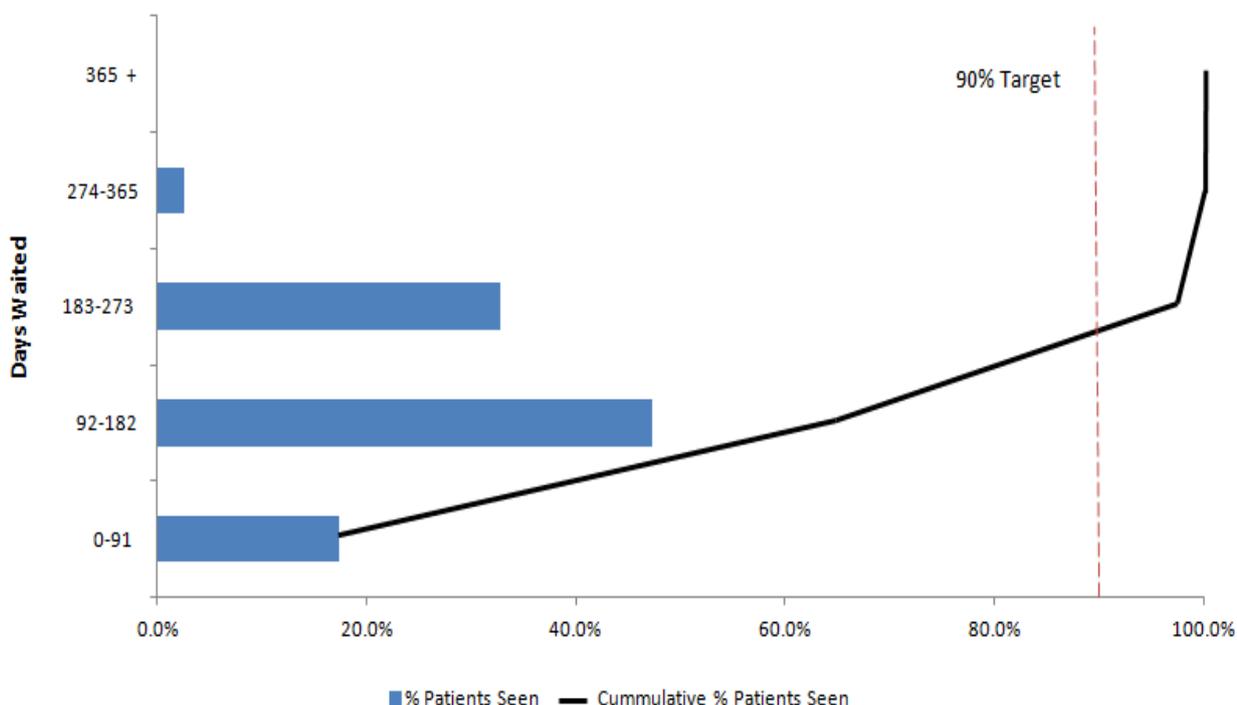**Publication Date – 29 November 2016**

About this release

This publication by Information Services Division (ISD) contains the quarterly update about how long eligible patients waited from referral to screening appointment for in vitro fertilization (IVF) treatment by the NHS in Scotland – including treatment for male infertility.

Main Points

During the quarter ending September 2016:

- 387 eligible patients were screened at one of the four IVF centres, compared with 398 in the previous quarter.
- 100% of patients were screened for IVF treatment within 365 days.
- Two thirds of patients were screened within 182 days.
- For the last seven quarters in succession, the 90% target has been met.

Percentage of eligible patients screened for IVF treatment July-September 2016

Background

IVF is an effective method of assisted reproductive technology used to treat infertility.

The Scottish Government requires NHS Scotland to measure the length of time people wait for treatment. The target that 90% of eligible patients will begin IVF treatment within 12 months by 31 March 2015 is measured by the percentage of patients who were screened at an IVF Centre within 12 months of receipt of referral from a secondary care/acute consultant.

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Further Information

Further information can be found on the IVF publication web pages.

The next publication is on Tuesday 28th February 2017.