Hospital Waiting Times

New Outpatient, Diagnostic, Inpatient, Day Case and Referral to Treatment

Quarter ending 30 September 2016

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About this release

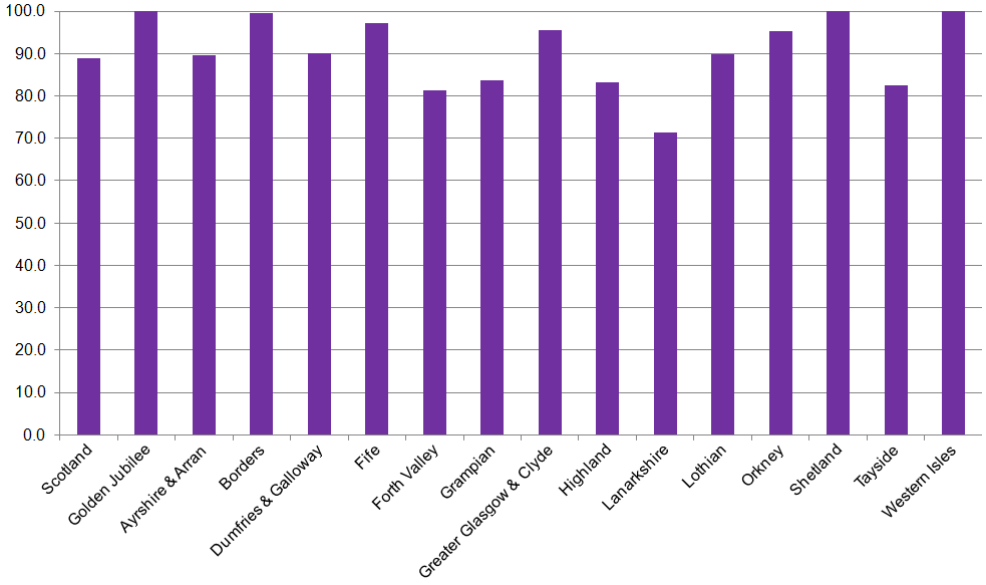
Information Services Division reports on waiting times for patients referred to acute hospitals. This summary brings together the key points from three waiting times standards, the publication reports can be found here:

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

Main Points

- 88.9% of patients were seen within the 12 week Treatment Time Guarantee (inpatients and day cases), for quarter ending 30 September 2016. This has decreased from 91.3% during quarter ending 30 June 2016 and 94.6% during quarter ending 30 September 2015.

NHS Board Performance (%) against Treatment Time Guarantee
Quarter Ending 30 September 2016



- 78.7% of patients waiting for a new outpatient appointment at 30 September 2016 had been waiting 12 weeks or less. This has decreased from 85.6% at 30 June 2016 and 86.1% at 30 September 2015.

- 90.1% of patients waiting for a key diagnostic test at 30 September 2016 had been waiting less than six weeks. This compares to 92.2% at 30 June 2016 and 90.3% at 30 September 2015.

- 84.7% of patients were seen within the 18 week Referral to Treatment standard during month ending 30 September 2016. This has decreased from 87.0% seen during month ending 30 June 2016 and 87.2% during month ending 30 September 2015.

Background

The 18 Weeks Referral to Treatment standard is the over arching measure in relation to the stage of treatment standards for New Outpatient appointments, Diagnostic tests, Day case and Inpatient treatment. Documents relating to waiting times, including the Treatment Time Guarantee 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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Further Information

Further information can be found on the Waiting Times pages of the ISD website.
The next release of this publication will be 28 February 2017. The ISD website provides Excel data tables detailing the waiting times statistics relating to the four standards covered in this summary.

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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