IVF Waiting Times in NHSScotland

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About this release
This publication by Information Services Division 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.

Main Points
During the quarter ending March 2017:

- 388 eligible patients were screened at one of the four IVF centres, compared with 487 in the previous quarter.
- 100% of patients were screened for IVF treatment within 365 days.
- Three quarters of patients were screened within 182 days.
- The 90% target has continued to be met since reporting started two years ago.

Percentage of eligible patients screened for IVF treatment by length of wait.
(Red line shows target of 90% seen within 365 days)
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 (which includes treatment for male infertility) 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

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