About this release

This publication by Information Services Division presents information on how long patients wait for Musculoskeletal (MSK) services that are delivered by Allied Health Professionals (AHP) in Physiotherapy, Occupational Therapy, Chiropody/Podiatry and Orthotics. This publication includes waiting times information for the 14 Boards that provide MSK services, but not for every indicator, for the quarter ending 30 June 2017. These data are considered developmental and progress continues to be made with all NHS Scotland Boards who are developing their IT systems in order to provide data for all indicators.

Main Points

- Over half (54.8%) of the 80,893 patients who had a first clinical appointment with an AHP MSK service were seen within 4 weeks.
- Nine out of ten patients were seen within 17 weeks from services that reported.
- 103,168 people were referred to AHP MSK services.
- In the quarter ending 30 June 2017, 7.6% adults did not attend their out-patient appointment for AHP MSK services.

Percentage of patients seen within 4 Weeks

![Percentage of patients seen within 4 Weeks chart]

Target = 90%

- All AHP MSK Specialties
- Physiotherapy
- Occupational Therapy
- Chiropody/Podiatry
- Orthotics
Background

MSK problems include a diversity of complaints and diseases localised in joints, bones, cartilage, ligaments, tendons, tendon sheaths, bursa and muscles. MSK problems also include outpatient pre or post orthopaedic surgery, peripheral nerve lesions (e.g. carpal tunnel, sciatica) or complication of fracture/dislocation/trauma.

The Scottish Government has determined that at least 90% of AHP MSK patients should wait no longer than 4 weeks from receipt of referral from a patient or health or social care professional. See NHSScotland Waiting Times Guidance for more information. The guidance target should be met by each profession individually within each Board.

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