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 September 2017:

- The four IVF centres in Scotland screened 410 eligible patients, compared with 415 in the previous quarter.
- 100% of patients were screened for IVF treatment within 365 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.
Background

IVF is an effective method of assisted reproductive technology.

Each of the 14 territorial NHS Boards in Scotland commissions cycles of IVF from one of the four specialist tertiary referral Centres providing NHS treatment (Aberdeen, Dundee, Edinburgh and Glasgow).

The Scottish Government requires NHSScotland 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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The next publication is on 27th February 2018.

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