Hospital Waiting Times

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

Quarter ending 30 September 2017

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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

Locally sourced figures have been provided by NHS Tayside and NHS Ayrshire and Arran to inform the Inpatient, Day Case and New Outpatient Stage of Treatment publication. For 18 Weeks Referral to Treatment NHS Ayrshire and Arran have provided local figures, NHS Tayside were not able to provide any data. See main reports for more details.

Main Points

- 80.2% of patients were seen within the 12 week Treatment Time Guarantee (inpatients and day cases) for quarter ending 30 September 2017.
69.7% of patients waiting for a new outpatient appointment at 30 September 2017 had been waiting 12 weeks or less.

81.6% of patients waiting for a key diagnostic test at 30 September 2017 had been waiting less than six weeks. This compares to 82.9% at 30 June 2017 and 90.1% at 30 September 2016.

81.4% of patients were seen within the 18 Week Referral to Treatment standard during month ending 30 September 2017.

Background

The 18 Weeks Referral to Treatment standard is the overarching measure in relation to the stage of treatment standards for Diagnostic Tests, New Outpatient Appointments, 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).
- The Regulations (Amended) under the Act - Amendment Regulations (2014)

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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 27 February 2018. 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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