IVF Waiting Times in NHSScotland
Quarter ending 31 December 2017
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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 December 2017:

- The four IVF centres in Scotland screened 362 eligible patients, compared with 410 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 three 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.

Please see News and Updates section of our website for more details.

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Further Information

Find out more in the full report which includes background information, a glossary and metadata. The data from this publication is available to download from our web page.

For more information on IVF see the IVF section of our website. For related topics, please see the Waiting Times pages.

The next release of this publication will be May 2018.

NHS Performs

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