Hospital Waiting Times
Diagnostic, New Outpatient, Inpatient, Day Case and Referral to Treatment
Quarter Ending 30 June 2018
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About this release
This release by 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 (Note: Official Statistics, not National Statistics.)

Local figures have been provided by NHS Ayrshire & Arran, NHS Highland and NHS Tayside to inform some figures in the Inpatient, Day Case and New Outpatient Stage of Treatment publication. For 18 Weeks Referral to Treatment (RTT) NHS Ayrshire & Arran has provided local figures. See main reports for more details.

Main Points
- 74.6% of patients were seen within the 12 week Treatment Time Guarantee (Inpatients and Day Cases) in quarter ending 30 June 2018. This compares with 75.8% during quarter ending 31 March 2018 and 81.2% during quarter ending 30 June 2017.
75.1% of patients waiting for a New Outpatient appointment on 30 June 2018 had been waiting 12 weeks or less. This compares with 74.9% at 31 March 2018 and 74.6% at 30 June 2017.

82.8% of patients were seen within the 18 Week Referral to Treatment standard during month ending 30 June 2018.

78.7% of patients waiting for a key diagnostic test at 30 June 2018 had been waiting less than six weeks. This compares with 80.6% at 31 March 2018 and 82.9% at 30 June 2017.

**Background**

The 18 Weeks RTT standard applies to the entire patient journey from the initial referral to the start of treatment. 18 Weeks RTT performance is dependent on the stage of treatment standards for Diagnostic tests, New Outpatient appointments, Day Case treatment 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 ISD website provides [Excel](#) data tables detailing the waiting times statistics relating to the four standards covered in this summary.

ISD have developed an [animation](#), with further explanations of how waiting times are calculated.

The next release of this publication will be November 2018.

**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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