

Waiting List Action Plan 2023 Achievements

Waiting List Reduction	NSP Max Wait Time Improvement	Sláintecare Improvement
-18.8k	+6.3%	+4.9%
net reduction in waiting lists	max wait time improvement	improvement in Sláintecare targets
The OPD waiting list decreased by 22.6k (4%).	Average wait time reduced by c.2 months from c.9.2m in Dec 2022 to 7.2m in Dec 2023.	Since February, the number of patients waiting longer than the Sláintecare targets has decreased from c.515k to c.458k (c57k).
Referral Rates	Referral Rates	HSE Additional Activity
+12.3%	+188k	143k
more people added to the waiting list compared to 2022	more people added to the waiting list compared to 2022	additional HSE Activity
Additional referrals relate to new service developments, service expansion and pent-up demand post-Covid.	 188k (12.3%) more people added to the waiting list compared to 2022 322k (23.1%) more than 2019 	 OPD 80.7k (13.3k higher than projected) ACP 13.5k (6.8k waiting list removals) IPDC: 14.6k (4.6k higher) GI scope 13.2k (4.7k higher) Diagnostics 20.8k (8k higher)
Improvement in +3 years	Improvement in +4 years	Waiting List Reform
-57k	-29.1k	 DNA strategy live in 24 hospitals
reduction in those waiting or at risk of waiting over 3 years	reduction in those waiting or at risk of waiting over 4 years	• PIR in 22 hospitals
As of 2023 year end, the number of patients waiting more than 3 years for an appointment has reduced by 81% to 13k.	As of 2023 year end, the number of patients waiting more than 4 years for an appointment has reduced by 85% to 5.3k.	CROs live in 11 hospitals
Pathways	Community	National Treatment Purchase Fund (NTPF)
38k	14.7k	156k
patient care episodes were delivered by the 7 priority pathways from May to December*	additional episodes of care were provided in the community in 2023	patients removed from waiting lists in 2023 through NTPF commissioning
26 of the 29 additional pathways commenced implementation. *for which activity reporting has commenced	 Primary Care Orthodontics: 1,616 Primary Care Child Psychology: 3,554 Counselling in Primary Care: 2,590 CAMHS: 1,043 Primary Care therapies: 5,954 	In addition 93,058 patients accessed diagnostics through the NTPF.



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Children's Health Ireland	RCSI Hospital Group	Naas General Hospital
-4.7k	99.5%	+28%
reduction in OPD waiting list	NSP OPD max wait time achieved	improvement in inpatient and day case Sláintecare targets
Average OPD wait time decreased by 2.4 months (21%) in 2023.	65,638 patients on the OPD waiting list at RCSI are now achieving max wait time targets.	72% of patients on the IPDC waiting list are now meeting Sláintecare access targets.
Saolta Hospital Group	University Hospital Limerick	Beaumont Hospital
+23%	-4.9	100%
increase in inpatient and day case activity	months reduction in OPD average wait times	of GI scope Sláintecare targets reached
Saolta saw a 23% increase in IPDC activity vs 2022 with a 17% reduction in IPDC average wait times.	The OPD waiting list at UHL reduced by 9,846 (28.8%) in 2023.	All 1.1k patients waiting for GI scope procedures at Beaumont are within Sláintecare access targets.
South/South West Hospital Group	Dublin Midlands Hospital Group	Portiuncula University Hospital
20%	+15%	-3.9
reduction in OPD average wait times	increase in OPD activity	months reduction in OPD average wait times
SSWHG saw significant overall reductions in average wait times in OPD vs 2022.	DMHG saw a 15% increase in OPD activity vs 2022 with a 27% reduction in OPD average wait times.	The OPD waiting list at Portiuncula reduced by 1,275 (31.9%) in 2023.
The Mater Hospital	University Hospital Kerry	Ireland East Hospital Group
-3.0	20.5%	+14%
months reduction in GI scope average wait times	improvement in inpatient and day case Sláintecare targets	increase in GI scope activity
The GI scope waiting list at the Mater reduced by 409 (35.3%) in 2023.	80% of patients on the IPDC waiting list at UHK are meeting Sláintecare access targets.	IEHG saw a 14% increase in GI scope activity vs 2022 with a 16% reduction in GI scope average wait times.

National Service Plan NSP OPD **Outpatient Day Case** Inpatient Day Case IPDC Gastrointestinal GI Advanced Clinical Prioritisation ACP **Did Not Attend** DNA Patient Initiated Review PIR CRO **Central Referral Office** NTPF National Treatment Purchase Fund Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services CAMHS