

HSE Delivers on Waiting List targets

Inpatient and Day case Waiting List Action Plan exceeds target of 29,838, over 31,691 removed off this list.

Outpatients waiting List Action Plan exceeds target of 95,508, nearly 100,000 removed off this list.

Over 2,180 inpatients/daycase patients waiting over 15 months taken off the list since last month

Overall, 2800 less patients on inpatient/day case and outpatient waiting lists since last month
A key priority for the HSE is tackling long patient waiting times and ensuring timely access to treatment and care for our patients.

The HSE is pleased to report that this year's plans to reduce waiting time for patients have exceeded targets. 31,691 patients have been taken off the inpatients/daycase waiting list since February. Furthermore, the number of patients waiting longer than 15 months on this list has reduced by a further 2,180 since last month. This plan, developed in conjunction with the NTPF focused on reducing the number of patients waiting 15 months or more for inpatient /daycase treatment by 30,000 by the end of October 2017.

In relation to outpatient waiting lists, today's NTPF figures also show that nearly 100,000 patients have come off the waiting list under the waiting list action plan. Since September the overall number of patients on the outpatient waiting list has fallen by 800.

In 2016 almost half a million (479,000) outpatients did not attend their outpatient appointment. In order to help patients access timely appointments, the HSE is asking patients to let their hospital know as soon as possible if they cannot attend scheduled appointments so that other patients may be offered appointments. Alongside this, hospitals will also be contacting all patients waiting over 6 months in the coming weeks to see if they require their appointment. The purpose of this exercise is to ensure that we fully optimise our existing resources and improve overall access times for patients.