

**Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002**  
**Environmental Information (Scotland) Regulations 2004**

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**Question/s to be answered**

I would like to ask the following questions:

1. For patients who were not treated within the 12 week treatment time guarantee introduced by the Scottish Government, how many cumulative days over the 12 week period were they waiting? Please provide this for every year since 2013, including 2022 to date but also for the final quarter of 2012.

<b>Year</b>	<b>Cumulative Breach Days per Year</b>	<b>Maximum wait Days</b>
<b>2012</b>	0	70
<b>2013</b>	36	109
<b>2014</b>	62	115
<b>2015</b>	249	215
<b>2016</b>	377	252
<b>2017</b>	1,040	253
<b>2018</b>	5,884	347
<b>2019</b>	15,766	643
<b>2020</b>	31,654	1,098
<b>2021</b>	35,004	693
<b>2022</b>	53,538	931

This data is for completed waits so excludes patients on the waiting list who are still waiting.

2. What is the longest someone has had to wait for an inpatient procedure included in the treatment time guarantee? Please provide this for every year since 2013, including 2022 to date but also for the final quarter of 2012.

See above table.

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3. What is the longest someone has had to wait for an outpatient procedure included in the treatment time guarantee? Please provide this for every year since 2013, including 2022 to date but also for the final quarter of 2012.

We do not directly hold data on outpatient procedure waiting times. We directly hold data on outpatient waiting times but this will include patients awaiting an assessment and patients who require to discuss their case with a clinician. Data regarding outpatient procedure waiting times is only held in the patient's individual case files.

Under FOISA s 12(1), NHS Shetland is not obliged to comply with a request if the estimated cost of doing so exceeds £600. Having reviewed your request, NHS Shetland has determined that the cost of compliance would exceed £600 and so is unable to provide the information requested as this would require manual review of all of NHS Shetland's patient's individual files.