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Question/s to be answered

Please tell me:

1. The average waiting time for patients referred for Colposcopy procedure in NHS Shetland in
A). the past 12 months and

24.1 days

- B). the past 6 months?

28.5 days

2. The longest time a patient has waited for a Colposcopy procedure to be carried out following referral in NHS Shetland in

- A). the past 12 months and

77 days

- B). the past 6 months?

77 days

3. How many patients have waited more than 18 weeks for a Colposcopy procedure to be carried out following referral in NHS Shetland in

4. A).the past 12 months and

0

- B). the past 6 months.

0

5. How many patients in the past 12 months have had a Colposcopy procedure carried out in 18 weeks or less from the date of referral?

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6. How many patients in the past 12 months have waited more than 18 weeks to have a Colposcopy procedure carried out from the date of referral?

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0

7. In the past 12 months have waiting times for Colposcopy procedure decreased from the preceding 12 months or have patients been the subject of increasing wait times?

For the period December 2020 through November 2021 the average wait was 29.9 days compared to 24.1 days for the period December 2021 through November 2022.

Note, in the responses to the queries above, the number of days waited by patients having colposcopy are taken from the definition given by Scottish Government in the Patient Rights (Scotland) Act 2011: the number of days is adjusted to take account of patients' unavailability and attendances etc.