

Revisions to reporting of Drug Treatment Waiting Times Information with effect from June 2009

ISD have revised the format of the publication on drug treatment waiting times (to be published 30th June 2009). The revisions have been made in order to improve the clarity of the information presented and to mirror as closely as possible other ISD waiting times publications. The changes affect only the presentation of the data; there is no change to the data collected.

1. Summary of changes

1.1 Tables presented

| Previous format | New format |
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| Time from referral to assessment | Time from referral to assessment is included but the calculation of waits has been amended in line with other ISD waiting times publications (see table 1.2 below) |
| Time from care plan agreed until date appointment offered for <u>any</u> intervention. | Time from care plan agreed until date appointment offered for <u>any</u> intervention. Also, for specific interventions: Time from care plan to <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • structured preparatory & motivational intervention • prescribed drug treatment • community support/ rehabilitation • residential detox/ rehabilitation |

1.2 Calculation of time waited

| Previous format | New format |
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| Separate information was presented on those offered an assessment/ appointment date within the time period and those still waiting for an assessment/ appointment date at the end of the time period. <i>Clients Offered:</i> Data was presented on numbers offered within <=14 days, 27-52 weeks and >52 weeks. Percentages were calculated out of all those clients offered within the reporting period. <i>Clients Still Waiting:</i> Data was also presented on numbers still waiting >14 days, 27-52 wks and >52 wks at the end of the reporting period. Percentages waiting 27-52 wks and >52 wks were calculated out of those waiting >14 days at the end of the reporting period. | Separate tables will still be presented on those offered an assessment/ appointment date within the time period and those still waiting for an assessment/ appointment date at the end of the time period. <i>Clients Offered:</i> Data will be presented on percentages offered within <7 days, 8-14 days, 15-21 days, 22-28 days, 5-8 wks, 9-12 wks, 13-26 wks, 27-52 wks and >52 weeks. These will be calculated out of all clients offered within the reporting period. <i>Clients Still Waiting:</i> Data will be presented on percentages still waiting <7 days, 8-14 days, 15-21 days, 22-28 days, 5-8 wks, 9-12 wks, 13-26 wks, 27-52 wks and >52 weeks. These percentages will be calculated out of all clients still waiting at the end of the reporting period. |

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