

NTPF publishes interim update on 2018 work

The National Treatment Purchase Fund (NTPF) today published an interim update on its work under the Inpatient / Day Case (IPDC) Action Plan for 2018 showing progress made to date ([Link to update](#)).

The update shows that:

- In the first seven months of 2018 a total of 12,008 people on the Inpatient / Day Case waiting list had accepted offers of treatment from the NTPF
- The total number of patients on the active Inpatient / Day Case waiting list reduced by 9,955 since peaking at end of July 2017 to stand at 76,156 at end of July 2018
- The total number of people waiting more than 9 months for treatment has reduced by 7,715 in the same period.

In 2018 the NTPF undertook to fund inpatient / day case treatments for a total of 20,000 patients broken down as follows:

- 13,800 treatments across the seven highest volume procedure categories which include cataracts, angiograms, skin lesions, hip/knee replacements, varicose veins, tonsillectomies and cystoscopies
- 5,000 treatments across a wide range of other procedures
- 1,200 procedures for other long waiters.

In the first seven months of the year a total of 9,586 patients waiting for treatment for one of the high-volume procedures have accepted offers of NTPF funded treatment. These are broken down as follows:

- Cataracts – 3,715
- Angiograms – 896
- Skin Lesions – 692
- Hip/Knee replacements – 994
- Varicose Veins – 944
- Tonsillectomies – 738
- Cystoscopies – 1,607

It is projected by year end that all patients waiting more than nine months for one of these procedures, who are clinically suitable for outsourcing to a private hospital will have received an offer of treatment.

Commenting on the interim update NTPF Chief Executive Liam Sloyan said “It has been a very active seven months for the NTPF. The impact of our work can be seen in the reduction in the number of people waiting for surgery, particularly those waiting over nine months. We remain focused on providing treatment for as many long waiting patients as possible”.

Ends

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