

NTPF Publishes Update on 2018 Inpatient Daycase Access Plan

October 2018 Waiting Lists Published

The NTPF has published an **update report on the 2018 Inpatient Daycase Access Plan**, outlining ongoing progress in arranging treatment for patients waiting for elective surgery.

The update shows that the number of public patients waiting for an appointment for elective surgery continued to fall last month, with 717 fewer public patients waiting at the end of October compared to September.

The update also shows that

- 18,000 people on the Inpatient / Day Case waiting list have accepted offers of treatment from the NTPF this year.
- Since peaking at the end of July 2017, the number of patients waiting on the active Inpatient / Daycase (IPDC) waiting list has reduced by 14,110 (16%) to 72,001.
- The number of patients waiting more than 9 months for treatment has reduced by 38%, with 10,572 fewer patients waiting than at the end of July 2017.

Commenting, NTPF Chief Executive Liam Sloyan said: “Working together, the HSE, Department of Health and the NTPF has made real progress to improve waiting times for patients at Inpatient and Day Case level in recent months. There has been a reduction of 14,110 (or 16%) in the number of patients waiting for an appointment for elective surgery at the end of October since a peak in mid-2017 and there has been a reduction of 10,572 (or 38%) in the number of patients waiting more than 9 months. We look forward to making more progress in the coming months and in 2019.”

The latest **public hospital waiting list data** was published today by the National Treatment Purchase Fund (NTPF). According to the data:

- 72,001 patients were waiting for an appointment for their inpatient or daycase treatment.
- 17,882 patients are waiting to receive an appointment for their GI Endoscopy.
- 516,363 patients are waiting for a first hospital outpatient consultation.

In addition, the NTPF publishes data on Pre admit, Planned Procedure and Suspension lists.

- The Pre admit data shows that 26,855 have been given a date for their Inpatient / Daycase or Endoscopy procedure.
- 72,256 patients are recorded in the Planned Procedure category and 59,445 of these patients have indicative dates in the future or have an appointment. These are patients who

have already had treatment and require further treatment at a future date (e.g. a patient who has had a scope may require surveillance monitoring scopes in the future) and have been assigned indicative dates for treatment. These indicative dates are determined by a clinician and treatment before these dates would not be appropriate. As more patients are initially seen and given a follow-up appointment for ongoing treatment or surveillance the number of patients on the Planned Procedure list increases.

- 12,271 patients are classified as suspended. Patients who are temporarily unfit or unable to attend due to clinical or personal/social reasons are categorised as 'Suspension'. The Suspension category is also used where patients are being treated through various Insourcing or Outsourcing Initiatives.

Ends

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Additional Notes re 2019 Budget

- The NTPF has been allocated €75m in 2019, an increase of €20m on 2018.
- In 2019, the Fund will arrange treatment for 25,000 patients on the active Inpatient / Daycase (IPDC) waiting list, 5,000 Gastrointestinal Endoscopies and 40,000 first-time outpatient consultant appointments.