

Government Initiated Question – Submission – 5 July 2022

[Redacted]Planned Care Policy & Performance
5 July 2022

PS/Cabinet Secretary for Health and Social Care
PS/Minister for Parliamentary Business

WAITING TIMES TARGETS FOR PLANNED CARE – GOVERNMENT INITIATED QUESTION

Purpose

1. To request the Cabinet Secretary’s and Minister for Parliamentary Business’ agreement for a Government Initiated Question on Wednesday 6 July to inform Parliament of the newly agreed waiting times targets for planned care.

target

Priority

[Redacted] Section 30 (b)(i) **Background**

2. Planned care waiting times targets will be announced at the Cabinet Secretary’s visit to Perth Royal Infirmary on 6 July

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Draft Question and Answer

[Redacted] Section 25(1) (available at : [Written question and answer: S6W-09686 | Scottish Parliament Website](#))

Preferred date and time

3. The proposal is to announce waiting times targets during the Cabinet Secretary’s visit to the Perth Royal Infirmary on Wednesday 6 July at approximately 11:45. Therefore, the question should be published no later than 10:00 am on 6 July in order to allow sufficient time in advance of the visit.

Draft Press Release

[Redacted] Section 30 (b)(i)**Recommendation**

[Redacted] Section 30 (b)(i)

Copy List:	For Action	For Comments	For Information		
			Portfolio Interest	Constit Interest	General Awareness

Official Sensitive

First Minister					X
Cabinet Secretary for Health and Social Care	X		X		
Minister for Parliamentary Business	X				X

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Cabinet Secretary Submission – Waiting Times Targets – Long Waits – June 2022.

Health Performance & Delivery
30 June 2022

Cabinet Secretary for Health & Social Care

WAITING TIMES – REDUCING LONG WAITS

Purpose

Official Sensitive

1. To provide the First Minister with an update on the work underway to reduce long waits for care and recommended milestones / targets for clearing those longest waiting patients over one and two years.

2. . [Redacted] Section 30(b)(i) . [Redacted] Section 30(b)(i)

Priority

3. Routine

Financial Considerations

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Current position

5. As the NHS moves away from an emergency footing and focuses on stabilising and recovering health care, officials are working with health boards to identify what actions can be put in place to reduce waiting times for those longest waiting patients, targeting those waiting more than two years in the first instance. The recently revised clinical prioritisation framework supports this approach.

6. As a result of the pandemic and the stepping down of non-urgent care for a sustained period, total waiting lists for outpatients and inpatient / day cases has increased significantly. . [Redacted] Section 30(b)(i)

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7. [Redacted] – Section 30 (b)(i); [Redacted] – Section 30 (b)(i). [Redacted] Section 30(b)(i)

Proposed Targets

Inpatient / daycase

8. Work is underway to ensure that additional non-urgent activity is focussed in the right NHS Boards and specialities,. [Redacted] – Section 30 (b)(i)

Two year waits

[Redacted] Section 30(b)(i)
[Redacted] Section 30(b)(i)*One year waits*

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Outpatients

[Redacted] Section 30(b)(i)**UK Comparisons**

[Redacted] Section 30(b)(i)

Capacity and Activity

10.
[Redacted] Section 30(b)(i)**Planning**

[Redacted] Section 30(b)(i)[Redacted] Section 30(b)(i)*Reasonable Offer*

11. [Redacted] Section 30(b)(i).

12. [Redacted] Section 30(b)(i).

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Conclusions

13. The First Minister is invited to note and consider the proposed targets:

- Two year waits for outpatients by end of August 2022
- Two years for inpatient / daycase by September 2022
- One year for inpatient / day case by September 2024

[Redacted] Section 30(b)(i)].

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ANNEX D

[Redacted] – Section 30(b)(i)

ANNEX E

ACTIONS UNDERWAY TO INCREASE CAPACITY AND ACTIVITY

Centre for Sustainable Delivery

There are various actions and initiatives underway to increase capacity over 2022/23 and beyond, including the CFSD high impact changes such as: Active Clinical Referral Triage and Patient Initiated Review and enhanced recovery after surgery. [Redacted] – Section 30(b)(i)

Progress around this work will be tracked through the established governance process, including the CFSD Delivery and Strategy Board, and the Integrated Planned Care Programme Board. [Redacted] – Section 30 (b)(i)

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National Elective Coordination Unit (NECU)

To ensure that all NHS capacity and capability is fully and effectively utilised to support recovery and address the longest waits, the Scottish Government endorsed CFSD to establish the National Elective Coordination Unit (NECU). The NECU, which will be governed by Scottish Government and administered by CFSD, will provide a consistent approach to national capacity assessment and allocation and will be adopted through a phased approach.

The first stage of the NECU can be operational from early August 2022

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