

What are the overall quarter three 2013/14 health target results?

Nationally, four health targets have been met this quarter:

- Improved access to elective surgery target (105% against a target of 100%)
- Increased immunisation (91% against a target of 90%)
- Shorter waits for cancer treatment (100% against a target of 100%)
- Better help for smokers to quit hospital target (95% against a target of 95%)

How did each health target perform?

Shorter stays in emergency departments

National performance in the Shorter stays in emergency departments target remained at 94.3 percent this quarter, but increased by 0.3 percent compared with the same quarter last year. All DHBs achieved a performance of 90 percent or greater this quarter, the first time this has been achieved since the target began in July 2009. Eleven DHBs met the target.

Improved access to elective surgery

The national Improved access to elective surgery target has been achieved with 117,319 elective surgical discharges provided, against a target of 112,245 discharges. This is 5074 (5 percent) more than planned. Sixteen DHBs achieved their quarter three target. Eight of these are 5 percent or more ahead of their target.

Shorter waits for cancer treatment

All DHBs achieved the Shorter waits for cancer treatment health target in quarter three. This is the same result as quarter two when all patients who were ready-for-treatment received their radiotherapy or chemotherapy within four weeks.

Increased immunisation

The Increased immunisation target was achieved for the third consecutive quarter, with the national result remaining at 91 percent. Fourteen DHBs met the July 2014 target with at least 90 percent of eight-month-olds fully immunised.

Better help for smokers to quit

Results for the Better help for smokers to quit primary care target shows national performance has increased to 71.6 percent, compared with 66.5 percent last quarter. This result represents a 5.1 percent increase on quarter two and an improvement of 32.1 percent since the primary care results were first published in quarter one 2012/13. Two DHBs have achieved the target, three more are achieving over 80 percent and 12 DHBs have made significant improvements of 1 percent or more.

The Better help to smokers to quit hospital target was achieved for the sixth consecutive quarter with a result of 95.3 percent, which is equal to the result for quarter two. Fifteen DHBs met the 95 percent target.

More heart and diabetes checks

The national quarter three result for the More heart and diabetes checks target is 78.2 percent, an increase of 5.0 percent on last quarter's result and a 19.3 percent improvement over the past year. Although no DHB achieved the 90 percent target, every DHB increased their results and more than half of all DHBs achieved over 80 percent.