



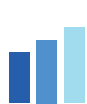
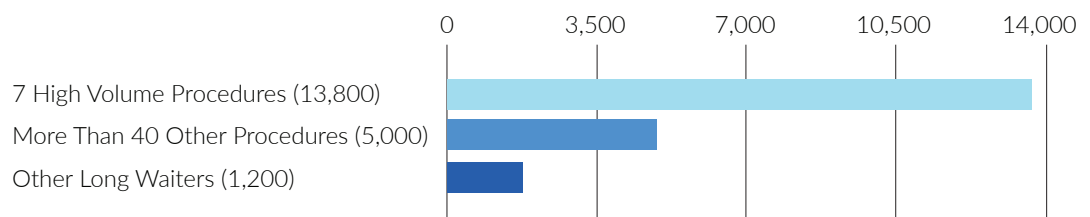
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Inpatient / Day Case Action Plan 2018

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Summary

1. HSE to deliver 1.14 million elective inpatient and day case procedures at a value of €1.3 billion in 2018.
2. NTPF to receive €50 million in 2018 for patient treatment. Will fund 20,000 inpatient/day case (IPDC) treatments broken down as follows:



High volume procedures include:

- Cataracts
- Hip/Knee replacements
- Tonsils
- Angiograms
- Cystoscopies
- Skin Lesions
- Varicose veins

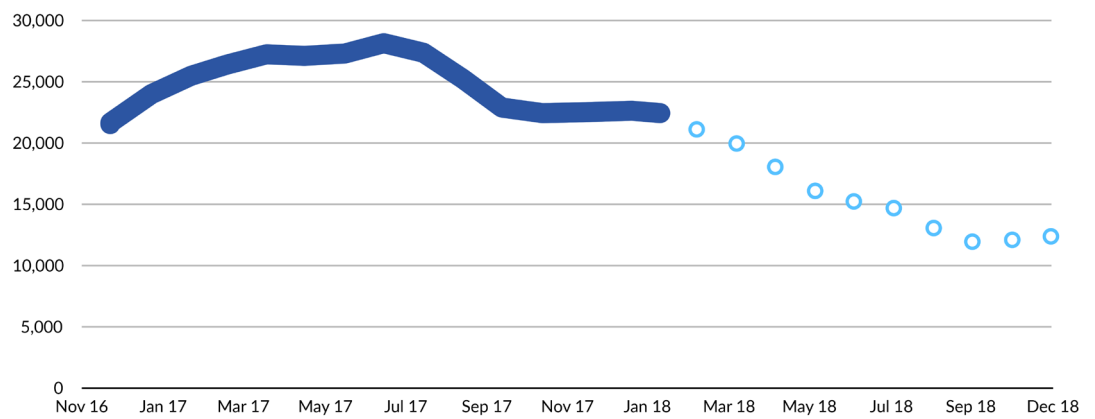
3. NTPF funded treatment will be provided in private hospitals or in public hospitals where there is available capacity.
4. All patients who are clinically suitable for outsourcing waiting more than 9 months will be offered treatment in 2018 - for targeted high volume procedures (i.e. cataracts, hip / knee replacements, tonsils, varicose veins, cystoscopies, skin lesions and angiograms).
5. Focus on Longest Waiters:
 - a. The NTPF will arrange treatment for around 50 different procedures
 - b. The NTPF will offer treatment to those waiting longest in respect of all of these procedures
 - c. For patients who are waiting longest for other procedures, the NTPF and HSE will work together to identify the requirements, develop treatment plans, and where possible, offer treatments, from within existing HSE and NTPF resources.

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6. Projections by year end to reduce the overall number of patients on the waiting list from just over 81,500 in Dec 2017, to less than 70,000 by year end depending in particular on the number of new patients. Within this overall reduction:
 - a. the number of patients waiting longer than 3 months is projected to reduce from 52,500 to 40,000
 - b. the number of patients waiting longer than 9 months is projected to reduce from 22,500 to 12,500



Total numbers waiting longer than 9 months for IPDC treatment

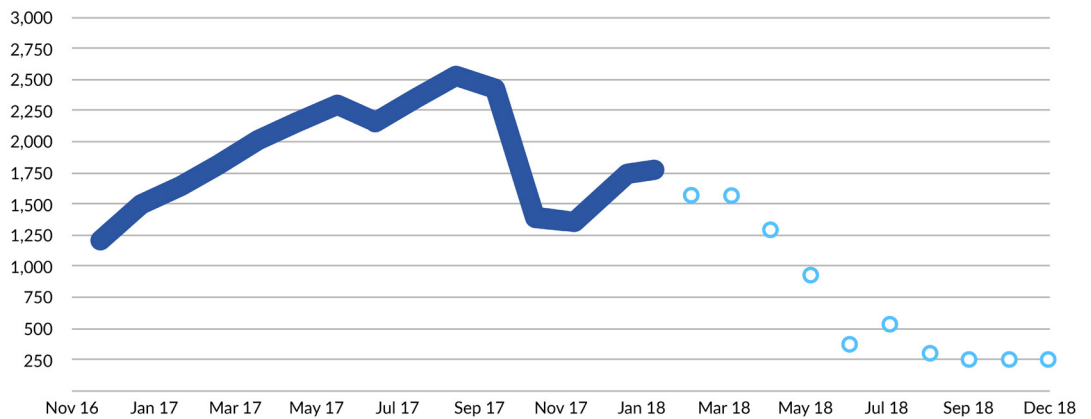


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7. The NTPF will arrange 4,000 Gastrointestinal Scopes at a cost of €4 million.
8. The focus on patients waiting for GI scopes will see:
 - a. The number of patients waiting more than 3 months is projected to reduce from 7,500 to 5,500
 - b. The number patients waiting more than 9 months is projected to reduce from 1,350 to 250
 - c. All patients who are clinically suitable for outsourcing waiting over 9 months for a GI scope will be offered treatment
 - d. The total number of patients waiting is projected to reduce from 17,600 to 16,150.



GI Scopes - Total numbers waiting more than 9 months



Background

NTPF Inpatient/Day Case Waiting List Activity



Core Target: 20,000 accepted offers in 2018

The NTPF proposes to allocate €40 million (80% of funding for patient treatment) of its 2018 allocation to remove 17,000 patients from the Active Inpatient Day Case Waiting List between January and October 2018 and an additional 3,000 patients will be removed from the waiting list in November and December 2018.

The treatment for some patients who accept treatment in November and December 2018 will be provided in 2019 at a cost of €7 million.¹ To achieve this target the NTPF will authorise offers of treatment to an estimated 32,000 patients in 2018.

Having regard to previous experience, it is projected that 12,000 of the 32,000 patients may not be suitable for outsourcing or accept an offer of treatment. It is projected that 6,000 will remain on the list for treatment at a future date and 6,000 will be removed from the list, as treatment will no longer be required.



Impact projection: the number of patients waiting longer than 3 months to reduce to 40,000 by year end



Impact projection: the number of patients waiting longer than 9 months to reduce to 12,500 by year end




Impact projection: the total number of patients waiting to be less than 70,000 by year end

¹ The NTPF was allocated €50 million core and €5 million administration funding for 2018. The remaining €10m will be allocated to the excess of the cost of treatment of those removed from the waiting list in late 2017 but treated in 2018, (€3m), the GI Scope waiting list (€4m) and Outpatient initiatives (€3m)

Background


High Volume Activity – 13,800 procedures

 **Core Target:** offer of treatment to all patients who are clinically suitable for outsourcing waiting more than 9 months in 7 high volume procedures

The NTPF will target seven procedures, which account for 40% of people on the Active Inpatient Day Case waiting list. When combined with HSE activity it is projected that the NTPF will be in a position to offer treatment to all clinically suitable patients waiting more than 9 months for the following procedures:

- Cataracts
- Hip / Knee Replacement
- Varicose Veins
- Tonsillectomies
- Cystoscopies
- Coronary Angiograms
- Excision of Lesions.

Other Procedures – 5,000 procedures


 **Activity Target:** 5,000 offers of treatment to “other procedures” accepted in 2018

In addition, the NTPF will arrange 5,000 procedures across an expanded range of over 40 “other procedures” in 2018 including:

- Other Orthopaedic Procedures
- Septoplasties
- Laparoscopic Cholecystectomies (i.e. gallbladder)
- Squint (Strabismus)
- Hernias
- TURPs (Transurethral resection of the prostate)
- Dental / Maxillofacial Surgery.

Background

Longest waiters – 1,200 very long waiters treated in 2018

 **Activity Target:** 1,200 offers of treatment to very long waiters accepted in 2018

The NTPF is engaging with the HSE and public hospitals to seek solutions for very long waiters either in the private sector or through insourcing and plans to fund the treatment of 1,200 patients in 2018 through this mechanism.


The NTPF and HSE will undertake a piece of work in Q2 2018 to identify the longest waiters and to determine:


- what specialty/procedure they are waiting for;
- are the patient needs appropriate for a NTPF initiative or should they be treated by the HSE;
- appropriate care plans for the patients involved.


GI Scopes – 4,000 GI scopes


 **Core Target:** 4,000 GI Scopes accepted offers in 2018

The NTPF is proposing to commit €4m in 2018 to the purchase of 4,000 GI Scopes throughout the year.

 **Core Target:** all patients who are clinically suitable for outsourcing waiting over 9 months receiving an offer of treatment by year end

 **Impact projection:** the number of patients waiting longer than 3 months to reduce to 5,500 by year end

 **Impact projection:** the number of patients waiting longer than 9 months to reduce to 250 by year end

 **Impact projection:** the number of patients waiting overall to reduce to 16,150 by year end