

# Patient Information Sheet

## *How long will I have to wait?*

The Patient Rights (Scotland) Act 2011 sets out a 12-week timeframe for inpatient and day case treatment.

There have been many changes affecting Planned Care Waiting Times in recent years. This includes pandemic backlogs, staff shortages and difficult winter periods. This means some patients are waiting longer than the 12-week period the NHS aims for through the Treatment Time Guarantee.

We will always aim to provide you with an appointment for your surgery as soon as possible.

For up-to-date information on current waiting times please visit:

[www.nhsinform.scot/waiting-times/inpatient-waiting-times/nhs-lothian-inpatient-waiting-times](http://www.nhsinform.scot/waiting-times/inpatient-waiting-times/nhs-lothian-inpatient-waiting-times)

