

16 December 2024

## **Patients receiving methadone maintenance**

### **A) The average waiting time for patients to receive methadone maintenance**

The Service does not collate data pertaining to prescribing of specific medication. The service can advise that Nov 24 waiting times for OST were:

11 service users 0-21 days  
< 5 service user 22-42 days (Longest wait time was 37 days)

### **B) How long the current waiting list is for new patients entering the service from Community Addiction Team or other front line service referral (excluding patients who are pushed up the queue ie those leaving prison)**

Average is 16 days from point of referral to initial nursing assessment

### **C) What the current longest wait for opioid substitute therapy is:**

The service can advise that Nov 24 waiting times for OST were:

11 service users 0-21 days  
< 5 service user 22-42 days (Longest wait time was 37 days)

### **D) What the length of wait for the last patient to access methadone maintenance was and**

The Service cannot provide patient specific data. As previously stated Nov wait times for OST are as follows:

11 service users 0-21 days  
< 5 service user 22-42 days (Longest wait time was 37 days)

### **E) What the number of people currently on the list awaiting substitute prescribing therapy is.**

11 service users 0-21 days  
< 5 service user 22-42 days (Longest wait time was 37 days)

#### **Please Note:**

We are unable to provide an exact figure where numbers are very low. To provide this level of information would reduce numbers to discoverable limits where the patients could be identifiable.

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