



Together We Care  
with you, for you

**Objective 3**  
**Outcome 12**  
**Priority 12a**

**In Partnership**  
**Journey Well (Cancer Care)**

Support our population on their journey with and beyond cancer by having equitable and timely access to the most effective, evidence-based referral, diagnosis, treatment and personal support

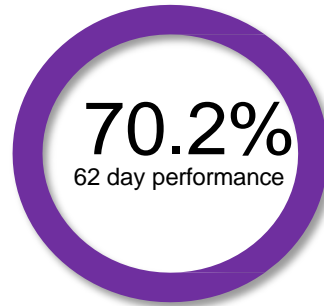
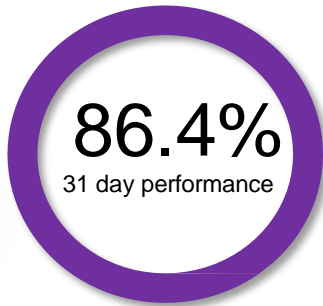


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There have been challenges with capacity particularly within the endoscopy diagnostic capacity due to COVID absence and workforce capacity.

Arrangements have been established through the independent sector to increase endoscopy capacity. Capacity to deliver integrated breast surgery pathways has been challenging due to capacity within breast surgery and also due to diagnostics.

Recovery plans bespoke to breast surgery are progressing which aim to return performance towards trajectory by October 2022.



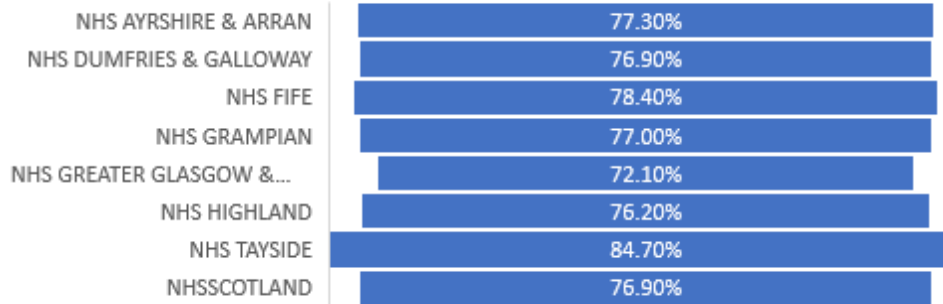
**PERFORMANCE OVERVIEW**

Performance for the 31 day target remains static and there is a slight increase in performance of the 62 day performance. Access to surgery and diagnostics needs to be improved to meet the targets.

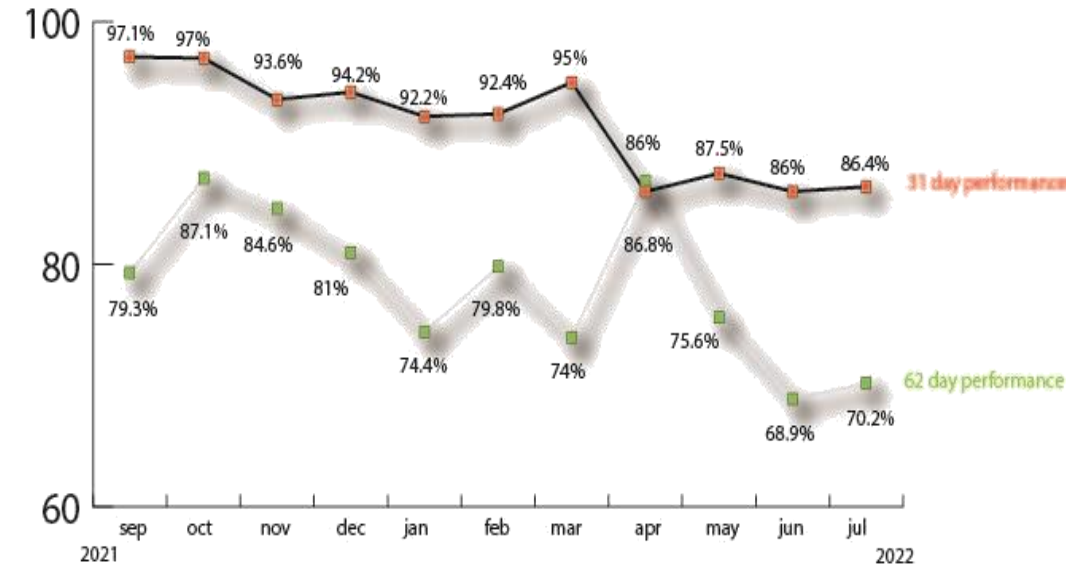
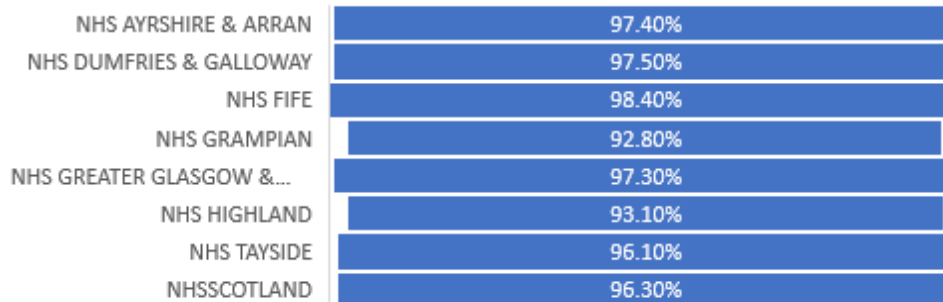
**NATIONAL TARGET(s)**

- a) Cancer 31 day standard, 95% of all patients diagnosed with cancer to begin treatment within 31 days
- b) Cancer 62 day standard, 95% of USC referrals to begin treatment within 62 days

**62 Day Benchmarking – March 22 publish Sept 22 (PHS)**



**31 Day Benchmarking – March 22 published Sept 22 (PHS)**



NHS Highland census date is the end of July 2022