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**NHS FIFE HITS FOUR HOUR A&E TARGET**

New figures show that 95.3% of patients in NHS Fife's emergency departments were seen, admitted or discharged within four hours – beating the Scottish Government's 95% target.

Scotland's Emergency departments met the key waiting times target for two months in a row this summer. Just under 140,000 people attended A&E in July and 95.7% of them were seen within the four hours timeframe, up from 95.5% in June.

Commenting, SNP MSP David Torrance said:

“Scotland has had the best performing emergency departments in the UK for 28 months now, which is testament to the hard work of our NHS and social care workers.

“It is extremely encouraging that Emergency Departments in NHS Fife are frequently meeting the four hour waiting times target, with the latest figures showing that 95.3% of patients are being seen within four hours.

“We will always value the vital work done by our NHS staff – and we should always celebrate their success and continue to support their efforts.”

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