65287 Social Care Waiting Lists and Deaths While Waiting for Support

For calendar years 2024, 2025 and 2026 to date, please provide:

The number of individuals awaiting a social care assessment, as at the latest date for which data was held in each year.

Please refer to the table in A2 below.

Public Health Scotland regularly publish data on the number of people awaiting social care assessment and waiting for a package of care.

This is published on their website at:

https://publichealthscotland.scot/publications/people-requiring-a-social-care-assessment-and-care-at-home-services/people-requiring-a-social-care-assessment-and-care-at-home-services-29-september-2026/dashboard/

The number of individuals awaiting a care package following assessment, as at the latest date for which data was held in each year.

Please refer to the table below.

	2024	2025	2026
Awaiting Assessment	1,440	1,451	900
Waiting For Care	290	161	819

The number of individuals who died while awaiting a social care assessment in:

• 2024

• 2025

• 2026 to date.

The number of individuals who died while awaiting a care package following assessment in:

• 2024

• 2025

• 2026 to date.

These questions imply a correlation between being on a waiting list itself and the person dying. People seeking social care assistance are among the most vulnerable in our society and so there is a higher risk of mortality than the wider population at any point of their time involved with us. Consequently, we do not record this data as it would be very misleading.