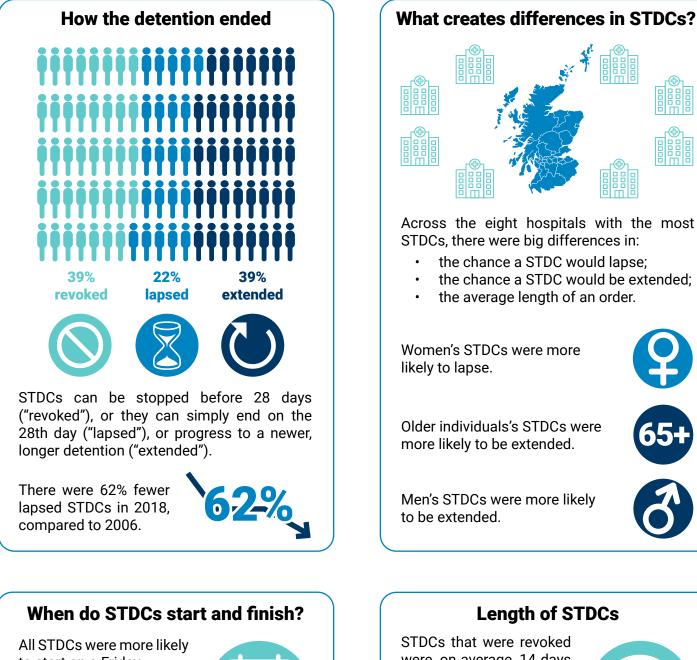


## The length of short term detentions in Scotland

A short term detention certificate (STDC) can last up to 28 days. This has not changed for 40 years.

We looked at STDCs that started and ended between 2006 and 2018 to find out how long they actually last, how and when they end, and what might affect how they end.



to start on a Friday. STDCs were more likely to be revoked on a Monday. Very few orders were revoked at the weekend.



STDCs that were revoked were, on average, 14 days long (typically 7–21 days).

STDCs were 10% shorter in 2018, compared to 2006.



For more information you can access the full research paper on the Commission website here.