Publication Summary

Dental Statistics – NHS General Dental Service Registrations
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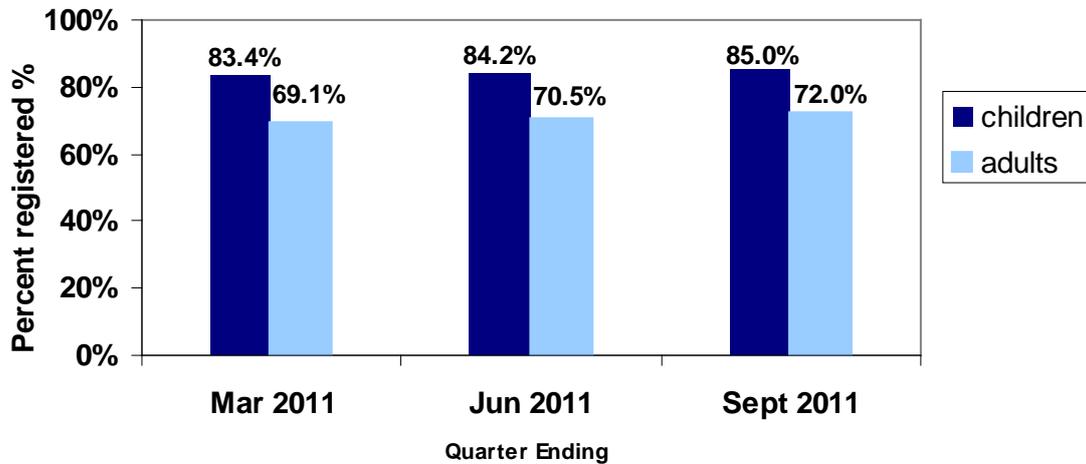## Publication date – 29th November 2011

About this Release

This release provides information on NHS General Dental Services (GDS) registrations as at 30th September 2011. Information on the participation (contact with an NHS dentist) of these registered patients can also be found in this release.

Key Points

At 30th September 2011:

- The level of the Scottish population (all ages) registered with an NHS GDS dentist was 75.6%, up from 74.6% as at 30th June 2011.
- The 6-12 age group had the highest level of population registered (97.9%) with an NHS GDS dentist.
- Among mainland NHS boards, both NHS Ayrshire & Arran and NHS Greater Glasgow & Clyde had the highest level of children registered (86.8%) and NHS Lanarkshire the highest level of adults registered (79.5%).
- At Scotland level, the rate of participation in NHS General Dental Services among registered patients over the last 2 years was 78.6% for adults and 87.9% for children.
- Participation rates for children were highest in NHS Borders (92.7%) and lowest in NHS Western Isles (76.3%), while rates for adults were highest in NHS Borders (86.6%) and lowest in NHS Orkney (63.4%).

Percentage of children & adults registered with a GDS dentist in Scotland; March 2011 to September 2011

Source: ISD Scotland, MIDAS (Management Information & Dental Accounting System).

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Background

Since June 2010, ISD has been reporting registration levels based on the geography of patients' home addresses, rather than on the geography of the dental practice. Participation is a measure of patient attendance at an NHS general dental practice for treatment, registration or other form of contact within the last two years as at 30th September 2010. This measure will further support data already available on NHS dental registrations and the introduction of non-time-limited registration policy.

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