

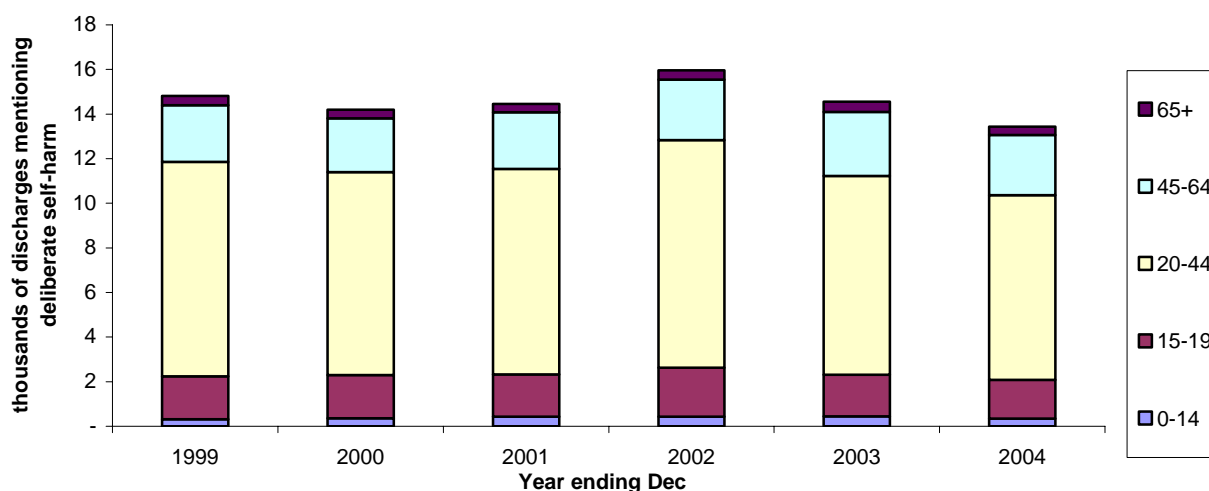


Delivering our aims, refining our plans

We continue to believe that better information allows better decisions to be taken and better care to be delivered. We continue to focus on: implementation of the Mental Health Information Strategy; testing the datasets we have developed; aiding access to national data; and ensuring that required management data can be obtained, as far as possible, from clinical communication. For more details contact alastair.philp@nhs.net.

Improving access to nationally consistent information: graph of the month

Discharges from Scottish acute hospitals with a diagnosis of deliberate self-harm in years ending December 1999-2004^{1,2,3}



1. These statistics are derived from data collected on discharges from non-obstetric and non-psychiatric hospitals (SMR01) in Scotland. They were previously presented in an answer, to Scottish Parliamentary Question S2W-22100, that includes data by NHS board.

2. The basic unit of analysis for these figures is a continuous stay in hospital. Probability matching methods have been used to link together individual SMR01 hospital episodes for each patient, thereby creating "linked" patient histories. Within these patient histories, SMR01 episodes are grouped according to whether they form part of a continuous spell of treatment (whether or not this involves transfer between hospitals or even Health Boards).

3. Up to six diagnoses (1 main, 5 Secondary) are recorded on SMR01 returns. All six diagnoses have been used to select admissions for deliberate self-harm. The following codes were used from the International Statistical Classification of Diseases and Other Health Related Problems, tenth revision (ICD10): X60 to X84.

Building consensus on what information to share and how

We are very pleased to report that the first community mental health team (CMHT) to test implement the [Information Core for Integrated Care \(ICIC\)](#) began collecting data on Monday 20 Mar. This CMHT, which is based in Hawick in the Borders are now in their 4th week of data collection and initial feedback from them suggests that things are going very well. More details are available from Fiona.Black@isd.csa.scot.nhs.uk.

Discussions are still taking place with several Health Board areas about the test implementation of the [Psychiatric Inpatient Clinical Discharge Summary Information Set \(PIC-DSIS\)](#). Presentations to nursing staff and other staff groups are arranged for April and May. For more details, or if you'd like to take part in test implementation of the dataset, please contact Margaret.Mason@isd.csa.scot.nhs.uk.

Responses to our consultation on two mental health datasets - the ICIC and the Psychiatric Inpatient Clinical Discharge Summary Information Set (PIC-DSIS) - continue to come in. Thank you to those of you who have already taken the time to comment. The deadline for responses is **Friday 28 Apr**. To peruse the documents, or download the response forms, visit <http://www.clinicaldatasets.scot.nhs.uk>.

Supporting national policy developments

As usual we have been involved in work in several areas during the last month. For example we have participated in two meetings of a group preparing a [Mental Health Delivery Plan](#). This is to fulfil a commitment made in [Delivering for Health](#).