

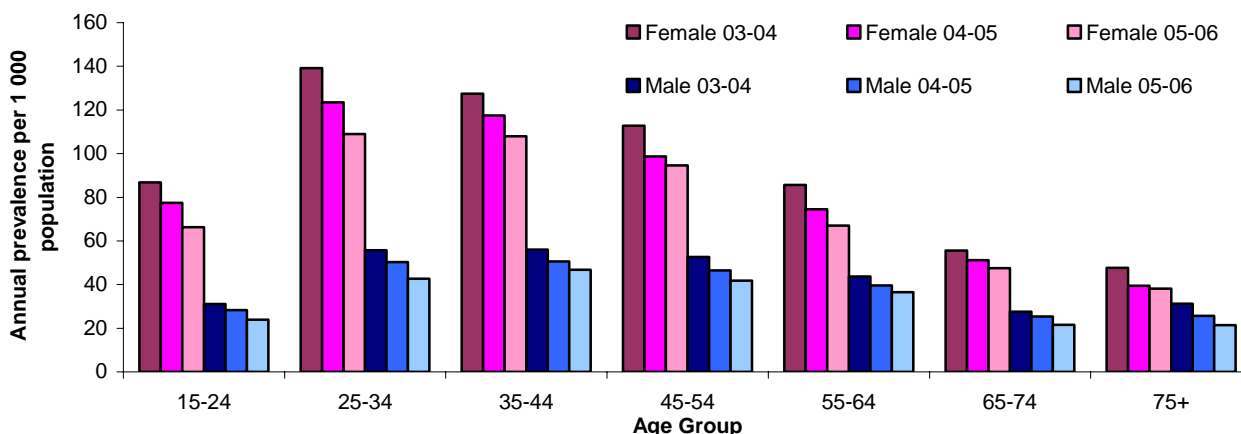


Delivering our aims: review of programme structure

Discussions are still under way about some changes to the programme's activities and means of delivery; and the way we plan to proceed will be announced shortly. Until the current Programme Principal's replacement is announced please contact alastair.philp@isd.csa.scot.nhs.uk for further information.

Improving access to nationally consistent information: graph of the month

Depressive illness presenting to GPs/ practice teams: annual prevalence rates^{1,2,3} per 1 000 population, by age and sex; years ending 31 Mar, 2003/04 to 2005/06



1 Based on 44 (04/05 and 05/06) and 45 PTI practices that submitted complete PTI data for the year ending 31 March 2004. Rates are standardised by deprivation. Population source: Community Health Index (CHI) record, as at 30 September during relevant year. For more details see http://www.isdscotland.org/isd/info3.jsp?pContentID=3711&p_applic=CCC&p_service=Content.show&.

2: Prevalence measures the number of people with at least one occurrence of a disease occurring at a point in time or over a period of time. Prevalence results from two factors: the size of the previous incidence (the number of new cases) and the duration of the condition. The annual prevalence figures shown here are based on the number of patients with at least one contact for depression during the specified year.

3 Following a substantial review of Practice Team Information (PTI) data and subsequent revisions to the methodology for all PTI analyses, direct comparisons with figures produced prior to 27th March 2007 are not valid. The group of depression codes ('Depression and other affective disorders') has also changed. Revised, comparable figures for 2003/04 and 2004/05 have been produced and are available at http://www.isdscotland.org/isd/servlet/FileBuffer?namedFile=PTI_depression_0304to0506.xls. Further details on the revisions are available at <http://www.isdscotland.org/isd/4724.html>

Introducing national data standards

The reports of the projects that ran last year to test the **Information Core for Integrated Care (ICIC)** and the **Psychiatric Inpatient Clinical Discharge Summary Information Set (PIC-DSIS)** have been sent to the test sites for their comment. We anticipate publishing the reports during May 07. For more details on these reports and our future plans to introduce these to routine practice please contact alastair.philp@isd.csa.scot.nhs.uk or Margaret.Mason@isd.csa.scot.nhs.uk.

Supporting national policy developments

We have continued work in support of the measures laid out in **Delivering for Mental Health**. This includes updated figures (financial years - to 31 March – up to 2005) for the **readmissions target** and additional work on supplementary measures to provide context to this measure.

A **high level description** of what system functions are required to support mental health services was the recent subject of a questionnaire sent to all NHS boards to: establish priorities for system development; determine whether NHS boards have current systems that fulfil these requirements; and whether boards plan to use the Generic Clinical System Toolkit to deliver these functions. The results of the survey have been transmitted to a nationally backed, but locally delivered project to develop an IT system to support the care of patients within Dumfries & Galloway. The specification and survey results have also been sent to support the proposed procurement of an Integrated Primary and Community Care (IPACC) system that may include support for mental health. Such systems will require to support Integrated Care Pathways, and will provide a means to get quality improvement and management information from clinical/ care streams.