

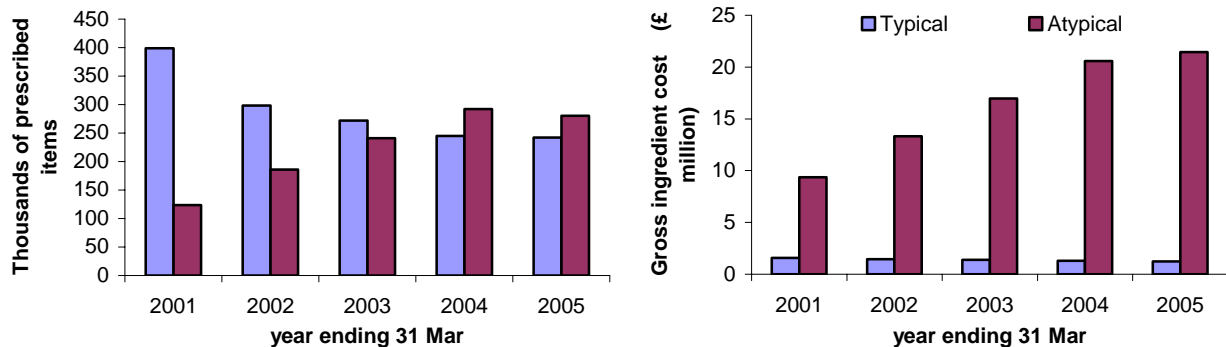


Delivering our aims, refining our plans

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

Typical and atypical antipsychotics: number of prescribed items and gross ingredient cost^{1,2,3}; 2001/02 to 2004/05



1 Gross ingredient cost is the cost of an item before any discounts that may be obtained from the supplier by a pharmacy and does not include dispensing costs or fees (see <http://www.isdscotland.org/isd/info3.jsp?pContentID=2225>).

2 Drugs dispensed in hospitals are excluded, although drugs prescribed in hospital but dispensed in the community are included.

3 This data was previously published on the ISD website (see <http://www.isdscotland.org/isd/info3.jsp?pContentID=3670>) as part of a release that includes numbers of prescriptions, numbers of defined daily doses and costs. Data by NHS board is also presented there.

Building consensus on what information to share and how

We are currently preparing analytical feedback to present to a Borders CMHT that is now half way through test implementation of the **Information Core for Integrated Care (ICIC)**. More details are available from Fiona.Black@isd.csa.scot.nhs.uk.

Discussions are still ongoing with several Health Board areas to test implement the **Psychiatric Inpatient Clinical Discharge Summary Information Set (PIC-DSIS)**. A presentation is scheduled for later in May to the nursing staff in one of the interested wards at Borders General Hospital, with two other meetings taking place soon with Forth Valley and Lothian. The State Hospital at Carstairs has also been approached to see if they would be interested. 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.

With the deadline for responses to the formal consultation on these two mental health datasets having just passed, we are in the process of collating the responses. If you have not already had the chance to respond we encourage you to do so over the next couple of days. For more details 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 discussed how we will measure success, with the group preparing a **Mental Health Delivery Plan**. This work builds on recent work by colleagues in ISD to establish benchmarking indicators for Scottish mental health services. It also links with other work we have started to map how management information can be derived from the communication among care professionals required to deliver team-based care.

We also attended a meeting of the Information and Knowledge Board of the **National Institute for Mental Health in England (NIMHE)**.