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> ## Scottish Breast Screening Programme Statistics 2009-10
>
> ## Annual update to 31st March 2010
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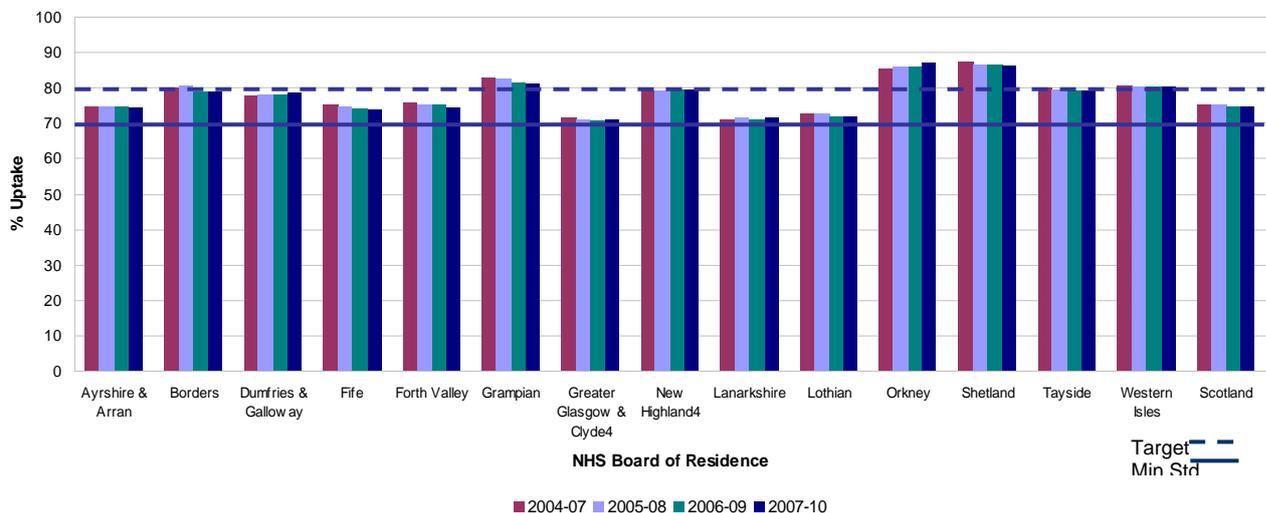> ## Publication date - 26 July 2011

About this Release

Annual update of breast screening statistics to 31st March 2010; including NHS Breast Screening Programme Performance Standards, attendance figures, cancer detection rates, biopsy results and screening outcomes.

Key Points

Figure 1. Percentage uptake[1] rates by NHS Board of Residence: 1st April 2004 to 31st March 2010. Three year rolling periods[2], females aged 50-70[3]

1 Only routine appointments are included in the above figures. Self/GP referral and early recall appointments are excluded.

2 Women are invited to attend screening once every three years and NHS Boards are not necessarily screened evenly throughout the three year period.

3 During 2003-04, a phased extension of the age range for routine invitation (from 50-64 to 50-70 years) began. To reflect the expansion of the age range, three year rolling figures are reported from 2004.

4 New NHS Board areas including parts of former Argyll & Clyde.

NHSBSP Performance Standards, at 31st March 2010:

- Looking at three year performance standard attendance figures, uptake remains similar to last year, at approximately 75%.
- All NHS Boards continued to exceed the minimum performance attendance standard of >70% of women invited during the previous three years (Figure 1).
- In 2009-10, all NHS Breast Screening Programme Minimum Performance Standards were met.

Background

The UK was one of the first countries in the world to establish a national population-based breast screening programme. The UK National Health Service Breast Screening Programme (NHSBSP), a UK-wide programme of free mammographic screening for breast cancer, was introduced in 1988 following a recommendation from a working party established by the four UK Departments of Health and chaired by Sir Patrick Forrest.

Within Scotland, data are collected by each of the six screening centres (which are supported by 19 mobile units) and retained on the Scottish Breast Screening Programme (SBSP) Information System. More information on the SBSP dataset can be found on our Data sources page. Data are routinely extracted from the SBSP Information system and analysed by ISD Scotland to help evaluate and monitor the effectiveness of the programme in Scotland.

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