About this Release
This is the annual update of breast screening statistics to 31 March 2014. It includes NHS Breast Screening Programme performance standards, attendance figures, cancer detection rates, biopsy results and screening outcomes.

Key Points
NHSBSP performance standards, at 31 March 2014:

- For the latest three-year period, the uptake rate for Scotland has fallen slightly from 73.5% in 2010-13 to 72.9% in 2011-14. The results for both periods exceed the minimum standard of >70%.
- The uptake rate for NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde was 67.8% in 2011-14. All other NHS Boards achieved the attendance standard of >70% of women invited to a screening appointment.
- Comparing three-year combined performance figures for those women aged 53-70 years with a previous screen within 5 years of attendance, the invasive cancer detection rate has increased from 5.7 per 1,000 women screened in the period 2005-08 to 6.8 in 2011-14.
- In 2013/14, all but 1 of the 13 NHS Breast Screening Programme minimum performance standards were achieved and all but 2 of the 11 targets were met.

In 2013/14:

- Over 1,450 cases of screen detected breast cancer were diagnosed in women of all ages.
- Of these over 80% (1,255 cases) of cancers detected were invasive, of which over half were less than 15mm in size and unlikely to be detected by a physical examination.
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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