

Scottish Bowel Screening Programme Statistics



For invitations between 1 May 2014 and 30 April 2016

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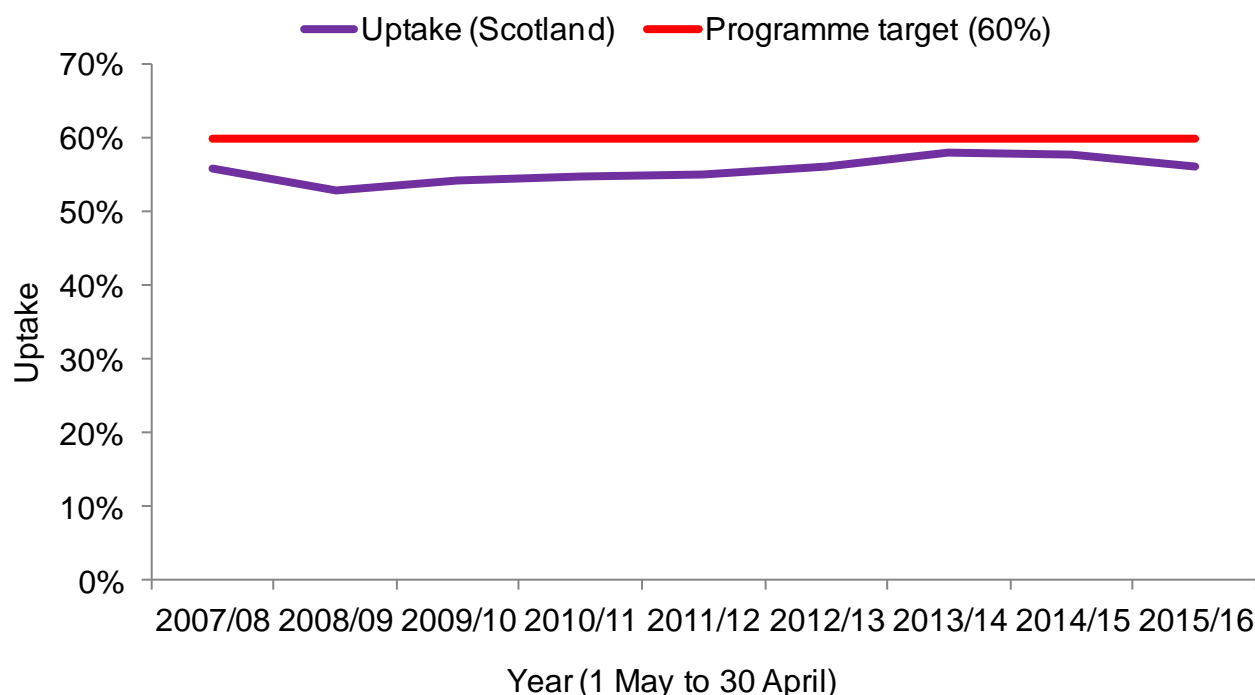
About this release

This release from Information Services Division (ISD) provides an update of the Scottish bowel screening statistics for the period 1 May 2014 to 30 April 2016 including uptake, laboratory workload and clinical outcomes.

Main Points

- For the latest two-year reporting period uptake was 57.0% which was slightly lower than the uptake reported for the period 1 May 2013 to 30 April 2015 (57.7%).

Trend in uptake of bowel screening for all persons in Scotland by single year



- Uptake of bowel screening is higher in women (60.1%) than men (53.8%).
- Uptake in the most deprived areas was 44.2% compared with 66.2% in the least deprived areas.
- The percentage of positive test results was higher in men (2.5%) than women (1.7%).
- Cancer detection was slightly higher in men (6.7%) than women (6.1%).
- Three out of five screen detected cancers (61.1%) were diagnosed at the earliest two stages. The earlier a cancer is detected the greater the chances are of successful treatment.

Background

The Scottish Bowel Screening Programme started a phased roll-out in June 2007. By December 2009, all NHS Boards in Scotland were participating in the Programme.

This publication relates to men and women registered with a Community Health Index number aged between 50-74 years who are invited to participate and to be screened every two years. Eligible people are posted a screening kit which is completed at home. The kit is then returned to the central screening centre in Dundee and tested for hidden traces of blood in the stool. Since 1 April 2013, those aged over 74 can self-refer and opt into bowel screening.

A new bowel cancer test which simplifies the sample collection process is to be introduced with an aim to increase participation in Scotland's national bowel screening programme. The new home screening faecal immunochemical test (FIT) will require participants to return just one bowel motion sample instead of the three samples currently required. It will be introduced over the next two years.

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Further Information

Further information on Bowel Screening can be found on the [ISD website](#).

The [Scottish Bowel Screening Programme Key Performance Indicators report](#), which includes a series of measures used to monitor and evaluate the Scottish Bowel Screening Programme is available on the ISD website.

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