

Publication Summary



Child Health 27-30 Month Review Statistics

Financial Year 2013/14

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About this Release

The 27-30 month review was introduced in Scotland in April 2013. National guidance on the purpose, content, and delivery of the reviews was published by the Scottish Government in December 2012 in order to support a consistent approach to provision of effective reviews across Scotland (<http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Publications/2012/12/1478>).

The 27-30 month review is a universal review and should be offered to every child reaching the appropriate age. One of the overall priorities identified in the national guidance document is 'promotion of strong early child development'. This publication provides 'developmental' information on review coverage (the proportion of eligible children that received a review) and on the outcome of the Health Visitors' assessment of children's development that is an integral part of the reviews.

Key Points

- Between 1st April 2013 and 31st March 2014 the number of 27-30 month reviews completed was 43,102.
- Estimated review coverage for 2013/14 was 73%. Estimated coverage gradually increased over the year and by the last quarter (January to March 2014) had reached 92%.
- In 2013/14, 72% of all children receiving a review had no concerns recorded against all of the nine developmental domains assessed as part 27-30 month reviews.
- Speech, language & communication was the domain where most concerns were identified. 10% of children reviewed had a concern newly identified about their speech, language & communication and an additional 3% already had a known concern in this domain prior to their review.

Background

NHS Scotland provides a universal health promotion programme to all children and their families known as the child health programme. The programme includes various elements such as formal screening for specific medical problems, routine childhood immunisations, and a structured programme of needs assessment, health promotion, and parenting support provided through regular scheduled contacts with health visitors, school nurses and other health professionals.

The delivery of the child health programme to pre-school aged children in Scotland is supported by the CHSP Pre-School system. The system facilitates the invitation of children for specific child health programme contacts as they reach the appropriate age and also allows recording of information obtained and/or care given during the contacts.

These statistics are derived from records of 27-30 month reviews provided in the financial year 2013/14 and recorded on the CHSP-PS system. During 27-30 month reviews, the health professional (normally a Health Visitor) assesses children's developmental status and records the outcome (i.e. no concern, concern newly suspected as a result of the assessment, or concern or disorder already known prior to the review) against each of nine developmental domains (e.g. social development, speech, language and communication, etc).

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