

# Publication Summary



## Child Health 27-30 Month Review Statistics

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### About this Release

This publication from the Information Services Division (ISD) provides information on the coverage of the child health 27-30 month review and the outcome of the Health Visitors' assessment of children's development that is an integral part of the review.

A revised more robust method for calculating coverage has been used in this publication, so direct comparisons should not be made with the December 2014 publication. Updated figures for 2013/14 are provided in this publication along with new figures for 2014/15, so that annual comparisons can be made. Please see the Coverage Methodology section in the [full publication report](#) for further information.

### Key Points

- In 2014/15, the coverage of the 27-30 month review for Scotland was 87% with 50,956 of the 58,779 eligible children having a review by the age of 3 years. Coverage of the review in the mainland boards varied from 78% in NHS Highland to 95% in NHS Dumfries & Galloway.
- 72% of all reviews actively recorded that there were no concerns about any aspects of the child's development. A new or previously known concern was noted for at least one aspect of the child's development in 19% of reviews.
- Children from the most deprived areas were more than twice as likely to have at least one developmental concern identified (27%) than those in the least deprived areas (12%).
- Boys (24%) were considerably more likely than girls (14%) to have at least one developmental concern identified.
- 25% of children reported as 'Asian' or 'Black, Caribbean or African' had at least one developmental concern identified compared to 19% in the White Scottish ethnic group.
- Speech, language & communication was the developmental domain where most concerns were identified. 11% of children reviewed had a newly identified concern about their speech, language & communication and an additional 3% 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.

The 27-30 month review is a universal review and should be offered to every child reaching the appropriate age. It is important that there is high uptake of the 27-30 month review to ensure that there is opportunity to improve children's outcomes. One of the overall priorities identified in the national guidance is 'promotion of strong early child development'.

During 27-30 month reviews, the health professional (normally a Health Visitor) assesses children's developmental status and records the outcome (e.g. 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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## Further Information

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## Feedback

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