

Child Health 27-30 Month Review Statistics

Scotland 2015/16

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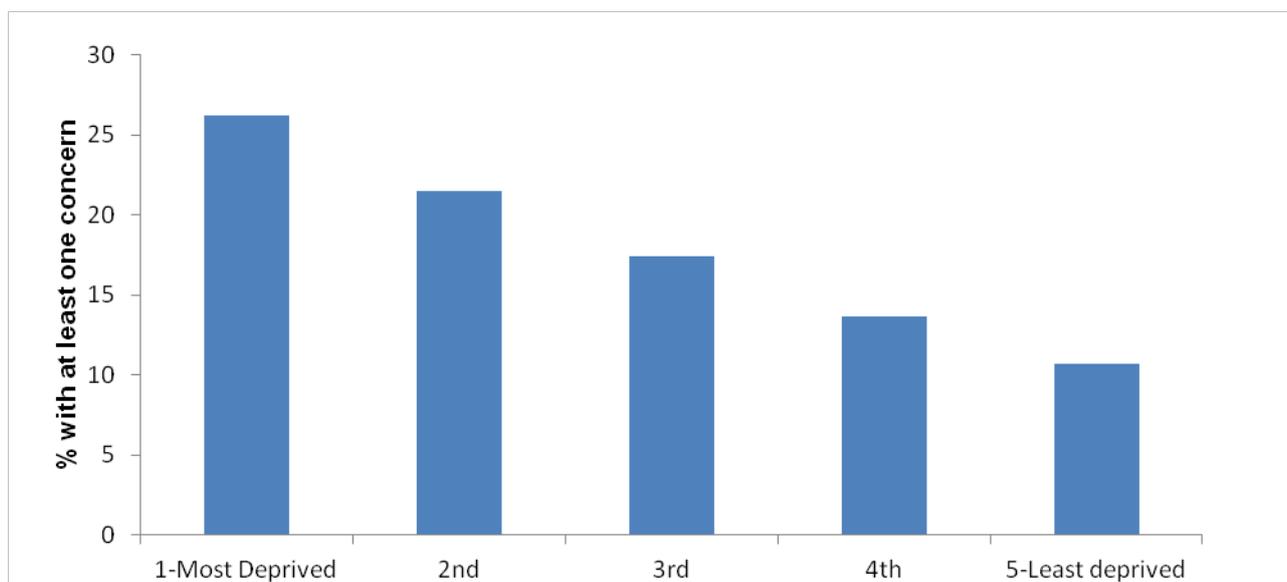
About this release

This publication from the Information Services Division (ISD) provides information on the coverage (percentage of children receiving a review) and outcome of the child health 27-30 month review.

Main Points

- More than one in four children from the most deprived areas (26%) had at least one developmental concern identified in the 27-30 month review compared to one in nine for the least deprived areas (11%).

Percentage of children with at least one concern by deprivation area 2015/16



- Eighteen percent of children had at least one developmental concern identified, and boys (23%) were more likely to have a concern than girls (13%).
- Speech, language and communication was the developmental domain where most concerns were identified. Eleven percent of children had a newly identified concern in this domain, and 2% had a known concern prior to their review.
- The coverage of the 27-30 month review in Scotland has remained broadly similar since the review began in April 2013 (87% in 2013/14 compared to 88% in 2015/16).
- Nearly one in four (24%) children reported as 'Asian' had at least one concern compared to nearly one in five (19%) for the 'White Scottish' ethnic group.
- Children who were 'looked after' by a local authority (27%) were more likely to have at least one developmental concern identified compared to those who were not 'looked after' by a local authority (18%).

Background

NHS Scotland provides a universal health promotion programme to all children and their families known as the child health programme. This includes 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 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 review to ensure that there is opportunity to improve outcomes for children.

During each review, the health visitor assesses the child's developmental status and records any concerns against each of nine developmental domains. These include the speech, language and communication domain.

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Further Information

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Feedback

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