

# Publication Summary



## Dental Statistics – NHS Registration and Participation

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### About this Release

This release provides information on NHS General Dental Services (GDS) registrations as at 31<sup>st</sup> December 2011 and as at 31<sup>st</sup> March 2012. Information on the participation (contact with an NHS dentist) of these registered patients can also be found in this release.

### Key Points

#### Registration and participation as at 31<sup>st</sup> December 2011

- The level of the Scottish population (all ages) registered with an NHS GDS dentist was 76.8%, up from 75.6% as at 30<sup>th</sup> September 2011.
- The 6-12 age group had the highest level of population registered (98.6%) with an NHS GDS dentist.
- Among mainland NHS boards, both NHS Dumfries & Galloway and NHS Greater Glasgow & Clyde had the highest level of children registered (87.3%) and NHS Lanarkshire the highest level of adults registered (80.6%).
- Nationally, the rate of participation in NHS General Dental Services among registered patients over the last 2 years was 87.7% for children and 78.0% for adults (down from 87.9% and 78.6% respectively as at 30<sup>th</sup> September 2011).
- Participation rates for children were highest in NHS Borders (92.6%) and lowest in NHS Western Isles (78.4%), while rates for adults were highest in NHS Borders (86.3%) and lowest in NHS Orkney (65.1%).

#### Registration and participation as at 31<sup>st</sup> March 2012

- The level of the Scottish population (all ages) registered with an NHS GDS dentist was 78.0%, up from 76.8% as at 31<sup>st</sup> December 2011.
- The 6-12 age group had the highest level of population registered (99.1%) with an NHS GDS dentist.
- Among mainland NHS boards, NHS Greater Glasgow & Clyde had the highest level of children registered (88.2%) and NHS Ayrshire & Arran the highest level of adults registered (81.8%).

- Nationally, the rate of participation in NHS General Dental Services among registered patients over the last 2 years was 87.4% for children and 77.4% for adults (down from 87.7% and 78.0% respectively as at 31<sup>st</sup> December 2011).
- Participation rates for children were highest in NHS Borders (92.4%) and lowest in NHS Western Isles (79.5%), while rates for adults were highest in NHS Borders (85.9%) and lowest in NHS Orkney (66.1%).

## Background

Since June 2010, ISD has been reporting registration levels based on the geography of patients' home addresses, rather than on the geography of the dental practice where they are registered.

Participation is a measure of patient attendance at an NHS general dental practice for treatment, registration or other form of contact within the last two years (in this release as at 31<sup>st</sup> December 2011 and as at 31<sup>st</sup> March 2012). This measure further supports data already available on NHS dental registrations and the introduction of [non-time-limited registration policy](#).

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