

Publication Summary

Dental Statistics – NHS Registration and Participation

Update of statistics as at 30th September 2013

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About this Release

This release provides information on NHS General Dental Services (GDS) registrations and participation (contact with an NHS dentist) as at 30th September 2013.

Key Points

Registration

- As at 30th September 2013, over 4.4 million patients were registered with an NHS GDS dentist in Scotland, an increase of 1.8 million since March 2007.
- The level of the Scottish population registered with an NHS GDS dentist increased from 50.5% in March 2007 to 83.4% in September 2013.
- Within the 6-12 age group, over 99% of the population was registered with an NHS GDS dentist.
- Registration levels for adults aged over 24 decreased incrementally with age, from 93.8% for the 25-34 age group to 66.1% for people aged 75 and over.
- As at 30th September 2013, Shetland and Greater Glasgow & Clyde had the highest percentage of children registered (91.5%) and Ayrshire & Arran the highest percentage of adults registered (86.7%).
- Western Isles had the lowest percentage of children registered (80.6%) and Grampian had the lowest percentage of adults registered (61.1%).

Participation

- 3.4 million registered patients attended an NHS dental practice for examination or treatment in the two-year period up to 30th September 2013, an increase of over 365,000 in the two years prior to September 2010.
- Nationally, the rate of participation was 85.9% for children and 74% for adults (down slightly from 86.6% and 75.4% respectively, as at 31st March 2013).
- Participation rates were lowest for patients aged 75 and over (66.6%) and highest in the 0-2 age group (97.6%).
- Participation rates for children were highest in Borders (91.7%) and lowest in Shetland (83.3%); rates for adults were also highest in Borders (84.5%) and lowest in Orkney (65.1%).
- Since March 2011, Borders has reported the highest participation rates among children and adults.

Background

Participation is a measure of patient attendance at an NHS dental practice for examination or treatment at least once in the last two years (in this release as at 30th September 2013). This measure further supports data already available on NHS dental registrations and the introduction of [non-time-limited registration](#).

CHI number is identified for approximately 97% of records on MIDAS. Between March 2010 and March 2013, CHI number, where available, was used to identify and remove records of deceased patients from the dataset. Dentists only stop receiving registration payments for this small number of patients when records are updated as 'deceased' and therefore, until then, patients' registrations are still active. Data from September 2013 onwards will include dental information for deceased patients. As at 30th September 2013, 21,947 (0.5%) of active registrations were for deceased patients.

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