

Publication Summary



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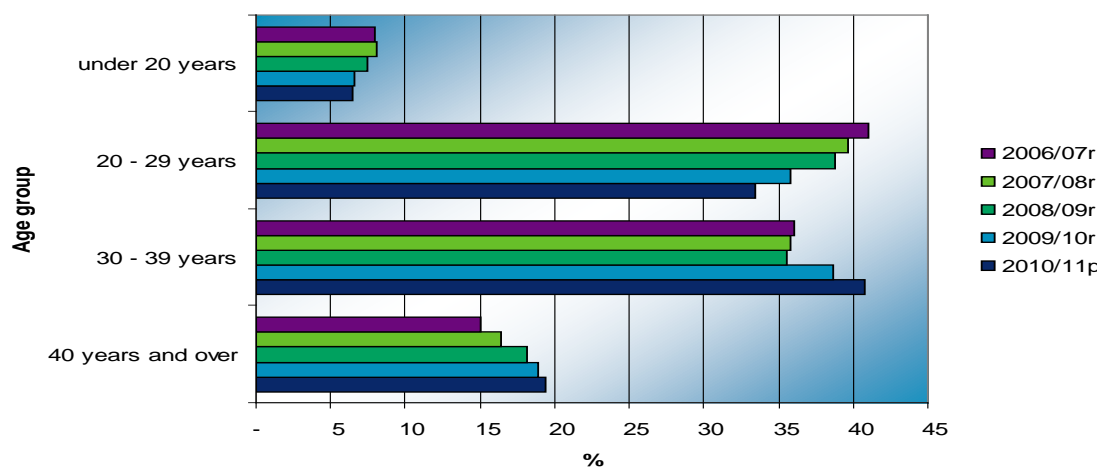
About this Release

This annual publication presents the latest available information from a range of national data sources relevant to drug use. This publication forms the first release of the data from Scottish Drug Misuse Database.

Key Points

- In 2010/11 10,813 ‘new’ individuals received a specialist assessment of their drug use and care needs, which equates to a rate of 219 per 100,000 of the Scottish population. This compares with a rate of 240 (11,819) reported in 2009/10.
- The age profile of ‘new’ individuals being assessed for their drug use care needs has changed over the last five years. In 2006/07, 51% of clients were aged 30 and over. In 2010/11 this figure was 60%. Amongst the 40 and over age group, the number of new clients receiving a specialist assessment for their drug use care needs increased from 15% in 2006/07 to 19% in 2010/11.

The percentage of new clients reported to the SDMD by age group between 2006/07 and 2010/11



(from the Scottish Drugs Misuse Database)

- Forty-four per cent of those under the age of 25 years old, reporting illicit drug use, reported using heroin. This is a drop from the 51% reported in 2009/10. There has been an overall downward trend in this figure since 2006/07.
- An increasing proportion of clients who have injected in the past have been tested for blood borne viruses: in 2010/11 76% were tested for Hepatitis B, 77% for Hepatitis C and 73% for HIV compared to 64%, 66% and 61% respectively in 2006/07.
- In 2010/11, 7% of clients reported that they currently shared needles/ syringes. This is a decrease from 12% reported in 2006/07.

Background

The Substance Misuse Programme, part of the Information Services Division (ISD Scotland), NHS National Services Scotland, has produced this report. As well as data management and producing national reports, the team provides information to support Alcohol and Drug Partnerships, Local Authorities, NHS boards, specialist drug services, the Scottish Government and others. The Substance Misuse Programme also provides an information service to organisations and individuals who wish to use the data relating to drug misuse collected by ISD Scotland. For further information phone 0131 275 7051 or email: nss.isdsubstance misuse@nhs.net

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