About this Release
Alcohol-related hospital discharge statistics are published annually by ISD in two different publications, which are released in alternate years. This publication includes data on alcohol-related hospital discharges (from SMR01) and alcohol-related psychiatric discharges (from SMR04). These are presented by age, gender, deprivation and Health Board area.

Key Points
- In 2010/11, there were 38,825 alcohol-related discharges from a general acute hospital in Scotland (a rate of 695 discharges per 100,000 population).
- In 2010/11, the rate of alcohol-related discharges from general acute hospitals was 7.6 times greater from patients living in the most deprived areas (category 1), compared to those living in the least deprived areas (category 5).

General acute inpatient discharges with an alcohol-related diagnosis by deprivation; 2006/07-2010/11
• Rates of alcohol-related discharge were highest in the 50 to 54 years age group with a rate of 1,319 discharges per 100,000 population.
• The rate of alcohol-related discharges from a general acute hospital decreased by over 2% between 2009/10 and 2010/11.
• Alcohol dependence was recorded in 69% (2,807) of all alcohol-related discharges from psychiatric hospitals (a rate of 53 discharges per 100,000 population).

Background
The Health Improvement Team, part of the Information Services Division (ISD Scotland), NHS National Services Scotland, has produced this report. As well as 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 team 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.isdsubstancemisuse@nhs.net

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