About this Release
This publication includes information on inpatients and day cases discharged from general hospitals and psychiatric hospitals. This data is normally published as part of Drug Misuse Statistics Scotland publications but due to a backlog in data submissions as health boards moved over to a new Patient Management System, this data is being published separately.

Key Points
• During 2010/11, there were 6,166 general acute hospital discharges with a diagnosis of drug misuse, a rate of 123 discharges per 100,000 population.
• Between 2006/07 and 2010/11 the rate of general acute hospital discharges with a diagnosis of drug misuse has increased by 26% (from 98 to 123 discharges per 100,000 population).
• The rate per 100,000 population for discharges with a diagnosis of drug misuse increased between 2006/07 and 2010/11 in the older age groups (30 years and over) in contrast to a fall in rates for younger age groups.

Rate per 100,000 population of general acute inpatient and day case discharges with a diagnosis of drug misuse in any position, by year and age group 2006/07 – 2010/11
In 2009/10, there were 22,940 psychiatric discharges in Scotland, of which 6% (1,479) had a diagnosis of drug misuse (a rate of 30 discharges per 100,000 population).

Sixty-six per cent (972) of the psychiatric discharges that had a diagnosis of drug misuse were male in 2009/10, compared to 34% (507) of discharges that were female.

Between 2005/06 and 2009/10 the rate of psychiatric discharges with a diagnosis of drug misuse has decreased by 12% (from 34 to 30 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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