

Publication Summary



Alcohol Brief Interventions 2011/12

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About this Release

This publication presents the total number of alcohol brief interventions delivered in Scotland in 2011/12 in accordance with the HEAT H4 target. Updated figures on the number of alcohol brief interventions delivered in 2010/11 are also presented in the publication.

Key Points

- The total number of alcohol brief interventions carried out in Scotland during 2011/12 was 97,830, exceeding the target of 61,081.
- The HEAT H4 target on the number of alcohol brief interventions delivered was met at the Scotland level, with all Health Boards exceeding their target for alcohol brief intervention delivery in 2011/12.
- The number of alcohol brief interventions carried out between 2008/09 and 2011/12 was 272,040, exceeding the cumulative target of 210,530.

Background

The HEAT H4 Alcohol Brief Interventions was initially a three-year target, with an extension for a fourth year in 2011/12. Data have been collected for the period 2008/09-2011/12 on the total number of alcohol brief interventions delivered in each Health Board.

The target is measured in three priority settings – primary care, accident & emergency and antenatal. The target states that Health Boards should carry out screenings in the three priority settings, using an appropriate screening tool, and followed by an alcohol brief intervention where required. Both the screening and the brief intervention (if applicable) are delivered in line with national guidance, which is based on SIGN 74 Guidelines¹.

¹ The management of harmful drinking and alcohol dependence in primary care, Scottish Intercollegiate Guidelines Network, 2003. Available at <http://www.sign.ac.uk/guidelines/fulltext/74/index.html>

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