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Alcohol Brief Interventions 2011/2012

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Introduction

This publication shows the total number of alcohol brief interventions delivered by Health Boards during 2008/09, 2009/10, 2010/11 and 2011/12 in accordance with the HEAT H4 target. The target states that Health Boards should carry out screenings in 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 reporting guidance, which is based on SIGN 74 Guidelines¹. All Health Boards were given a target for the number of brief interventions to be carried out between 2008/09 and 2010/11. This three year target was subsequently given a one year extension for 2011/12. The targets are based upon estimates of the rates of alcohol-related presentations, in primary and secondary care, amongst adults over 16 years of age in Scotland.

Three priority settings were identified as appropriate for the delivery of alcohol brief interventions on the basis of the available evidence: primary care, antenatal and accident & emergency. National guidance describes the appropriate screening tools for use in these three priority settings.

National guidance defines an alcohol brief intervention as follows:

“an alcohol brief intervention is a short, evidence-based, structured conversation about alcohol consumption with a patient/ service user that seeks in a non-confrontational way to motivate and support the individual to think about and/ or plan a change in their drinking behaviours in order to reduce their consumption and/ or their risk of harm.”

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>

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.

Results and Commentary

The total number of alcohol brief interventions is presented at Scotland and Health Board level in table 1, below. The figures include alcohol brief interventions delivered in the three priority settings, primary care, accident & emergency and antenatal, during 2011/12. Updated figures from 2010/11 are also presented. The total number of alcohol brief interventions carried out in Scotland during 2011/12 was 97,830. The cumulative number of interventions carried out between 2008/09 and 2011/12 was 272,040.

Table 1: 'Total number of alcohol brief interventions delivered in primary care, antenatal and accident & emergency settings in Scotland, by Health Board; 2008/09 – 2011/12'

	2008/09	2009/10	2010/11 ^r	2011/12	Total Number of Interventions
Scotland	30,310	55,757	88,143	97,830	272,040
NHS Ayrshire & Arran	3,001	3,475	7,591	7,501	21,568
NHS Borders	211	1,015	2,862	2,727	6,815
NHS Dumfries & Galloway	462	538	4,349	2,337	7,686
NHS Fife	3,110	2,685	4,773	7,430	17,998
NHS Forth Valley	3,939	4,071	4,094	8,789	20,893
NHS Grampian	797	3,635	11,229	8,682	24,343
NHS Greater Glasgow & Clyde	7,603	13,682	15,465	18,571	55,321
NHS Highland	2,267	2,217	4,497	5,658	14,639
NHS Lanarkshire	994	10,163	7,813	9,034	28,004
NHS Lothian	3,826	11,128	14,930	17,093	46,977
NHS Orkney	40	627	155	308	1,130
NHS Shetland	35	46	287	361	729
NHS Tayside	3,703	1,689	9,563	8,733	23,688
NHS Western Isles	322	786	535	606	2,249

^r – Some Figures for 2010/11 have been revised from those previously published. Some Health Boards under-reported data and other Health Boards over-reported data in previous publications.

Table 2 below presents information on the HEAT H4 targets set at Scotland and Health Board level for the total number of alcohol brief interventions to be delivered in 2011/12 and compares this against the actual number delivered.

Table 2: 'Total number of alcohol brief interventions delivered in primary care, antenatal and accident & emergency settings in Scotland, by Health Board; 2011/12 compared with HEAT H4 Target number for 2011/12 period'

	Total Number of Interventions 2011/12	Target Number of Interventions 2011/12
Scotland	97,830	61,081
NHS Ayrshire & Arran	7,501	4,076
NHS Borders	2,727	1,247
NHS Dumfries & Galloway	2,337	1,629
NHS Fife	7,430	4,505
NHS Forth Valley	8,789	3,676
NHS Grampian	8,682	6,054
NHS Greater Glasgow & Clyde	18,571	14,066
NHS Highland	5,658	3,802
NHS Lanarkshire	9,034	6,167
NHS Lothian	17,093	9,938
NHS Orkney	308	206
NHS Shetland	361	240
NHS Tayside	8,733	5,137
NHS Western Isles	606	338

Table 3 below presents information on the HEAT H4 targets set at Scotland and Health Board level for the total number of alcohol brief interventions to be delivered and compares this against the actual number delivered over the four-year period.

Table 3: 'Total number of alcohol brief interventions delivered in primary care, antenatal and accident & emergency settings in Scotland, by Health Board; 2008/09 – 2011/12 compared with HEAT H4 Target number of alcohol brief interventions for 2008/09 – 2011/12 period'

	Total Number of Interventions 2008/09 - 2011/12	Target Number of Interventions 2008/09 - 2011/12
Scotland	272,040	210,530
NHS Ayrshire & Arran	21,568	14,773
NHS Borders	6,815	4,457
NHS Dumfries & Galloway	7,686	5,986
NHS Fife	17,998	14,957
NHS Forth Valley	20,893	11,930
NHS Grampian	24,343	21,550
NHS Greater Glasgow & Clyde	55,321	48,968
NHS Highland	14,639	12,766
NHS Lanarkshire	28,004	22,224
NHS Lothian	46,977	33,532
NHS Orkney	1,130	783
NHS Shetland	729	862
NHS Tayside	23,688	16,632
NHS Western Isles	2,249	1,110

The HEAT H4 target on the number of alcohol brief interventions delivered between 2008/09 and 2011/12 was met at the Scotland level. The majority of Health Boards within Scotland met their specific target. However, NHS Shetland did not meet their cumulative target on the number of alcohol brief interventions delivered between 2008/09 and 2011/12.

List of Tables

Table No.	Name	Time period	File & size
1	Total number of alcohol brief interventions delivered in primary care, antenatal and accident & emergency settings in Scotland, by Health Board; 2008/09 – 2011/12.		Excel [18.5kb]
2	Total number of alcohol brief interventions delivered in primary care, antenatal and accident & emergency settings in Scotland, by Health Board; 2011/12 compared with HEAT H4 Target number for 2011/12 period.		Excel [18.0kb]
3	Total number of alcohol brief interventions delivered in primary care, antenatal and accident & emergency settings in Scotland, by Health Board; 2008/09 – 2011/12 compared with HEAT H4 Target number of alcohol brief interventions for 2008/09 – 2011/12 period.		Excel [17.5kb]

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