

Publication Summary



Alcohol-related hospital statistics Scotland 2011/12



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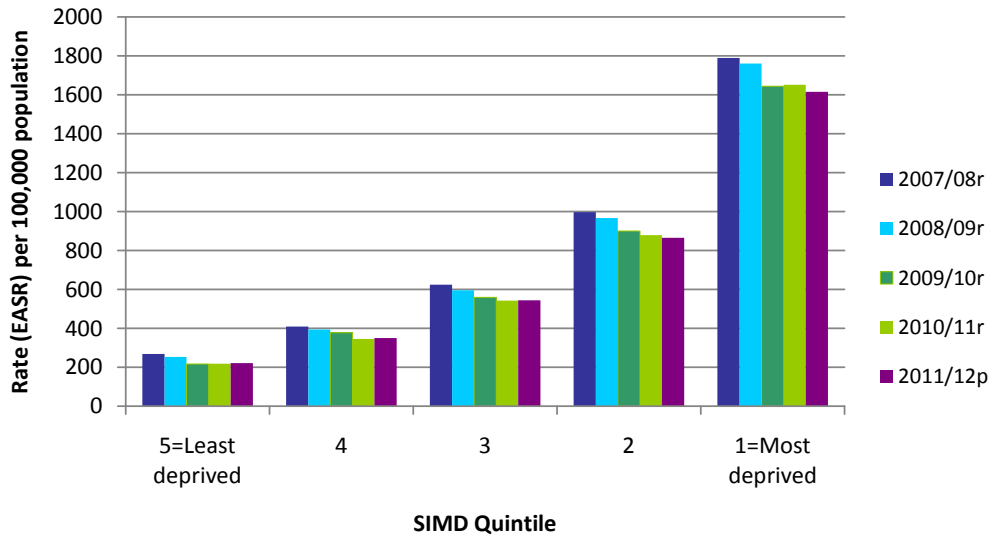
About this Release

Hospital activity data are collected across the NHS in Scotland and are based on nationally available information routinely drawn from hospital administrative systems across the country. The information reported in this annual publication has been collated using data obtained from two sources: (1) Hospital data from ISD General Acute Inpatient / Day cases Records (SMR01) years 2007/08 to 2011/12; (2) Mental Health Inpatient and Day Case Records (SMR04) years 2006/07 to 2010/11.

Key Points

- In 2011/12, there were 38,737 alcohol-related discharges from a general acute hospital in Scotland (a rate of 691 discharges per 100,000 population). This is a 0.5% decrease in absolute numbers compared to the previous year (2010/11), when there were 38,924 alcohol-related discharges (a rate of 709 discharges per 100,000 population)
- Over the last five years, there has been a 14% decrease in rates of alcohol related discharges from a general acute hospital in Scotland; from 802 discharges per 100,000 population in 2007/08 to 691 discharges per 100,000 population in 2011/12. The largest decrease was in the 45-49 year age group and the second-largest decrease in those aged 15-19 years.
- For people aged 40-44 years the rate increased from 2010/11 to the latest year (also very small increases were seen in these aged 20-24, 25-29 and 30-34 years of age), although since 2007/08 their rates have dropped markedly as well.
- In all five years, the rate of alcohol-related general acute hospital discharges was approximately seven times greater for patients living in the most deprived areas (category 1) compared to those living in the least deprived areas (category 5).

Fig 1. General acute inpatient discharges with an alcohol-related diagnosis by deprivation quintile; 2007/08-2011/12



Note: years denoted with 'r' show figures revised from last year following a methodology update (see Appendix A1); 'p' denotes provisional data not yet 100% complete

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.isdsubstance misuse@nhs.net.

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