

Publication Summary



Drug-related hospital statistics Scotland for 2011/12



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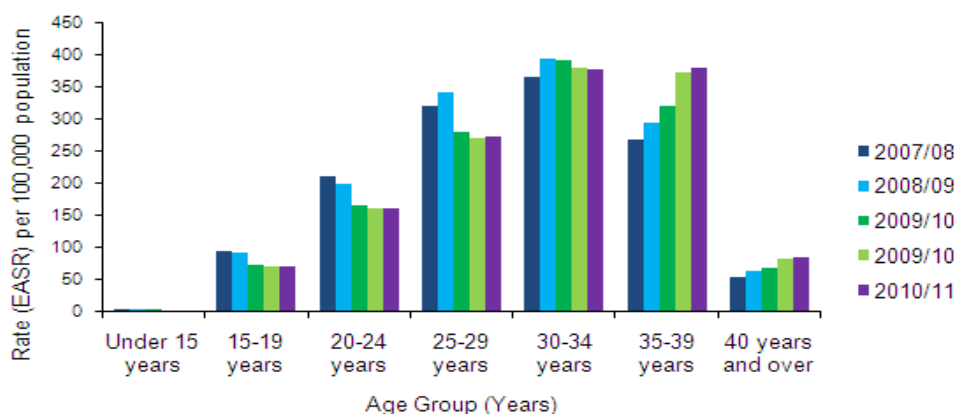
This publication reports on hospital discharges relating to drug misuse. It includes information on inpatients and day cases discharged from general acute hospitals and psychiatric hospitals in Scotland. In doing so, it tells us about the health impact of drug misuse.

Key Points

General Hospital Discharges:

- The overall rate of discharge with a diagnosis of drug misuse has increased over the last 5 years from 111 per 100,000 population in 2007/08 to 125 per 100,000 population in 2011/12. For the latest year (from 2010/11 to 2011/12) the discharge rate increased from 123 to 125 per 100,000 population.
- The rise is entirely due to increases in the older age groups (particularly 35 years and over). In the younger age groups the discharge rates dropped; by 24% for 15-19 year olds; by 23% for 20-24 year olds; and by 15% for 25-29 year olds.

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 2007/08 – 2011/12



- Opioids were involved in 71% of discharges, which is an increase from 67% in 2007/08. Cannabinoids increased from 7% to 10% and sedatives/hypnotics from 3% to 5%, whereas cocaine dropped from 8% to 5%, other stimulants from 6% to 3% and multiple/other drugs from 15% to 12%. Note that more than one drug can be recorded within a hospital stay.

Psychiatric Hospital Discharges:

- The rate of psychiatric hospital discharges with a diagnosis of drug misuse has remained fairly steady for the last five years (2006/07 to 2010/11) at around 29-31 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 supporting data management and 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 Health Improvement 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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