

# Scottish Drug Misuse Database

## Overview of Initial Assessments for Specialist Drug Treatment 2014/15



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### About this release

This report from Information Services Division on the Scottish Drug Misuse Database presents the available information on individuals presenting for initial assessment at specialist drug treatment services in 2014/15.

### Main points

- In 2014/15, initial assessments for specialist drug treatment relating to 12,402 individuals were recorded on SDMD.
- 46% of the 8,692 individuals on whom we have information on recent 'illicit' drug use (including Novel Psychoactive Substances/legal highs), sought treatment for heroin, 20% for cannabis and 10% diazepam.
- The percentage of under 25s reporting recent heroin use decreased from 58% in 2006/07 to 23% in 2014/15.
- A general downward trend in the percentage of individuals reporting current injecting was observed (from 28% in 2006/07 to 20% in 2014/15).
- Between 2006/07 and 2014/15 current sharing of needles/syringes decreased from 12% to 6%, whilst sharing of injecting paraphernalia fell from 20% to 8%.
- The percentage of individuals aged 35 and over increased from 30% in 2006/07 to 48% in 2014/15.

### Background

Data collection includes a wide range of indicators not available elsewhere and is therefore a unique data source providing national level data on individuals with problem drug use. This report should be viewed in conjunction with the [electronic dashboard](#) which provides users with accessible, interactive content based on data from 2006/07 to 2014/15.

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The report is available at: <http://www.isdscotland.scot.nhs.uk/Health-Topics/Drugs-and-Alcohol-Misuse/Publications/> .

Information on the Scottish Drug Misuse Database is available at:  
<http://www.isdscotland.org/Health-Topics/Drugs-and-Alcohol-Misuse/Drugs-Misuse/Scottish-Drug-Misuse-Database/>.

Other ISD publications on drug and alcohol misuse can be found at the [ISD website](#).

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