Scottish Drug Misuse Database

Overview of Initial Assessments for Specialist Drug Treatment 2017/18

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About this release

This release by Information Services Division presents the data available from the Scottish Drug Misuse Database (SDMD) on individuals presenting for initial assessment at specialist drug treatment services in 2017/18.

Information included in this SDMD data release relates to six main topic areas: Data quality and completeness; Demographics; Drug use profile; Prescribed drug use profile; Heroin use profile; Injecting and sharing needles and other equipment. This release contains data on the period from 2006/07 to 2017/18. These data are published in an Excel workbook. Revisions and corrections relevant to this publication are listed in the metadata section of the workbook.

Background

The SDMD was set up in 1990 to collect information about individuals seeking specialist treatment for problem drug use in Scotland. The SDMD is a unique source of data and provides insights into drug treatment needs and the social circumstances and behaviours of individuals at the point when they contact services for treatment. For more information, see the SDMD section of our website.

Find out more

The data from this publication are available to download from our webpage along with glossary, background information and a metadata document.

For information on other ISD drug-related data collections/publications, please see the Drug Misuse pages. The Scottish Public Health Observatory (ScotPHO) provides information on other aspects of drug misuse in Scotland: ScotPHO drug misuse section.

The next publication of these statistics (SDMD data to 2018/19) under National Statistics will include a full report. This is planned for winter 2019/20.

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