

Publication Summary



Improving ethnic data collection for equality and diversity monitoring

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About this Release

This release describes progress towards improving the completeness of ethnic group recording in acute hospital discharge records (SMR01) and new outpatient appointment records (SMR00). The two graphs below relate to the quarter July – September 2012.

Key Points

- For Scotland as a whole there has been substantial improvement in the recording of ethnic group. Over the last two years completeness of recording has increased from just under 50% to 75% for acute hospital discharges and has risen from just over 30% to 60% for new outpatients.
- Recording of ethnicity varies widely among Boards and remains relatively low in some boards: in the quarter ending September 2012 completeness of recording ranged from 23% to almost 100% for both acute inpatient and day case records.
- Ethnic group recording for some Boards may have been affected by the implementation of the new NHS Patient Management System (PMS).

Figure 1: Percentage of hospital discharge episode records (SMR01) with a valid ethnic group by Health Board of Treatment; July – September 2012.

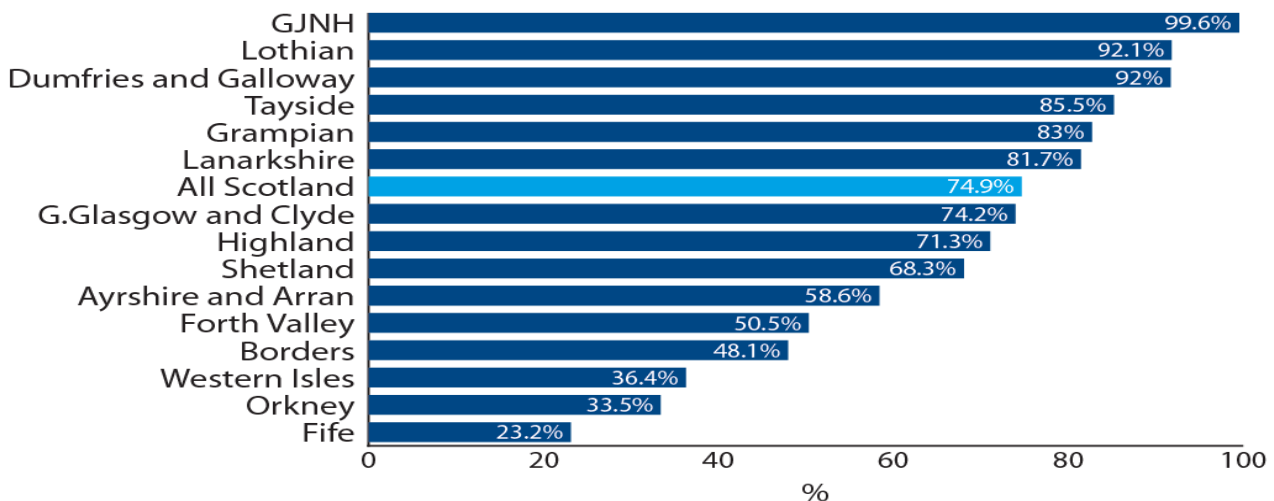
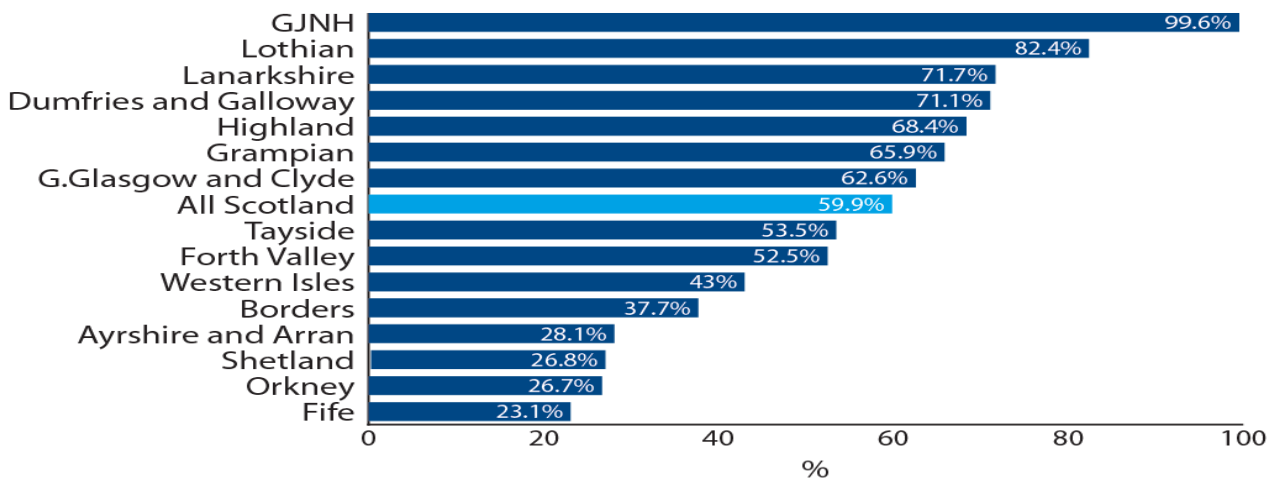


Figure 2: Percentage of new outpatient appointment records (SMR00) with a valid ethnic group by Health Board of Treatment; July – September 2012.



Background

The NHS Scotland Quality Strategy commits the NHS in Scotland to “understanding the needs of different communities, eliminating discrimination, reducing inequality, protecting human rights and building good relations by breaking down barriers that may be preventing people from accessing the care and services that they need”. The UK Government’s Equality Act requires public authorities to collect equality characteristics such as ethnicity to demonstrate that they are meeting the public sector equality duty.

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