

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 January – March 2013.

Key Points

- For Scotland as a whole there has been a steady improvement in the recording of ethnic group over the last two years. Completeness of recording for inpatient and day case records (SMR01) has improved by just under 15% to 77% and for new outpatient appointment records (SMR00) recording has improved by 20% to 64%.
- Recording of ethnicity varies widely across Scotland and remains low in some Boards: in the quarter ending March 2013 completeness of recording ranged from 21% to almost 99% for SMR01 and from 25% to 99% for SMR00.

Figure 1: Percentage of hospital discharge episode records (SMR01) with a valid ethnic group by Health Board of Treatment; January – March 2013.

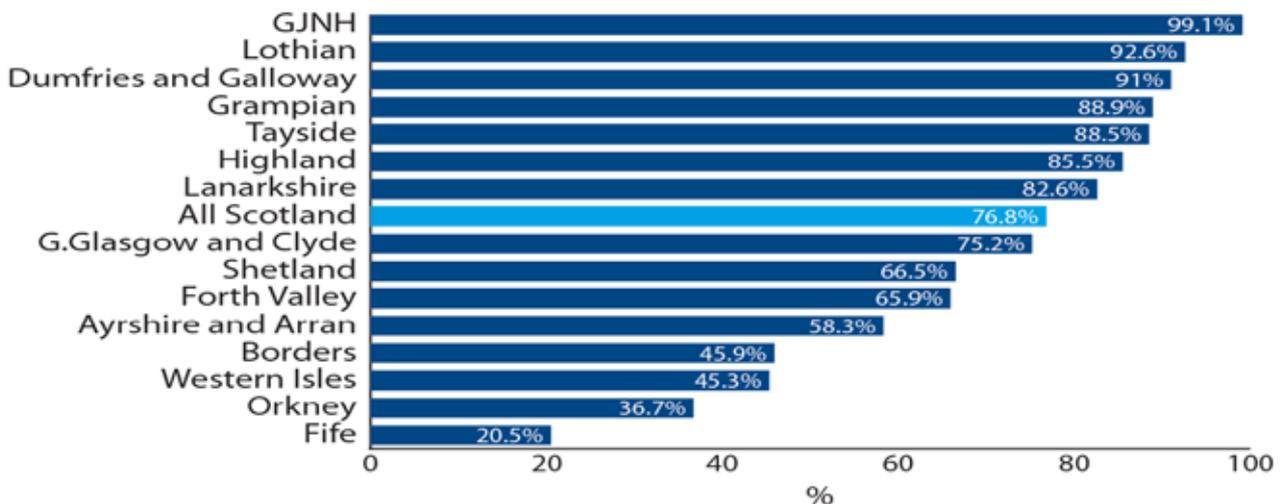
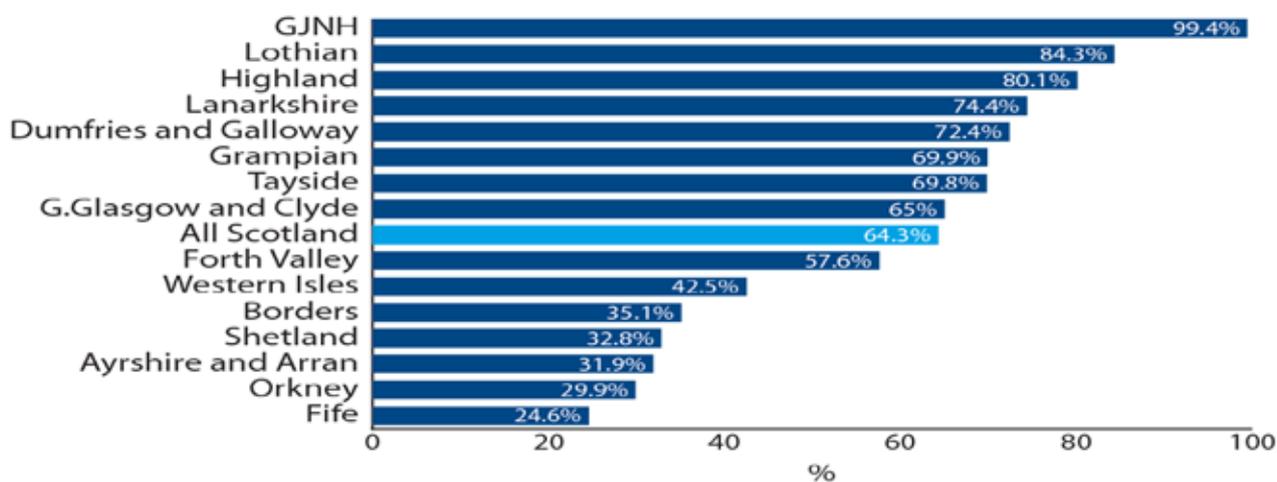


Figure 2: Percentage of new outpatient appointment records (SMR00) with a valid ethnic group by Health Board of Treatment; January – March 2013.



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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