

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 2014.

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 has improved by 5 percentage points to 82% for inpatient and day case records (SMR01) and by 9 percentage points to 74% for new outpatient appointment records (SMR00).
- Increased recording of code '98' –'Refused/Not provided' in SMR01 and SMR00 data has been seen at some Boards over the last eight quarters. This variation is being investigated locally.

Figure 1: Percentage of hospital discharge episode records (SMR01) with a valid ethnic group by Health Board of Treatment; July - September 2014.

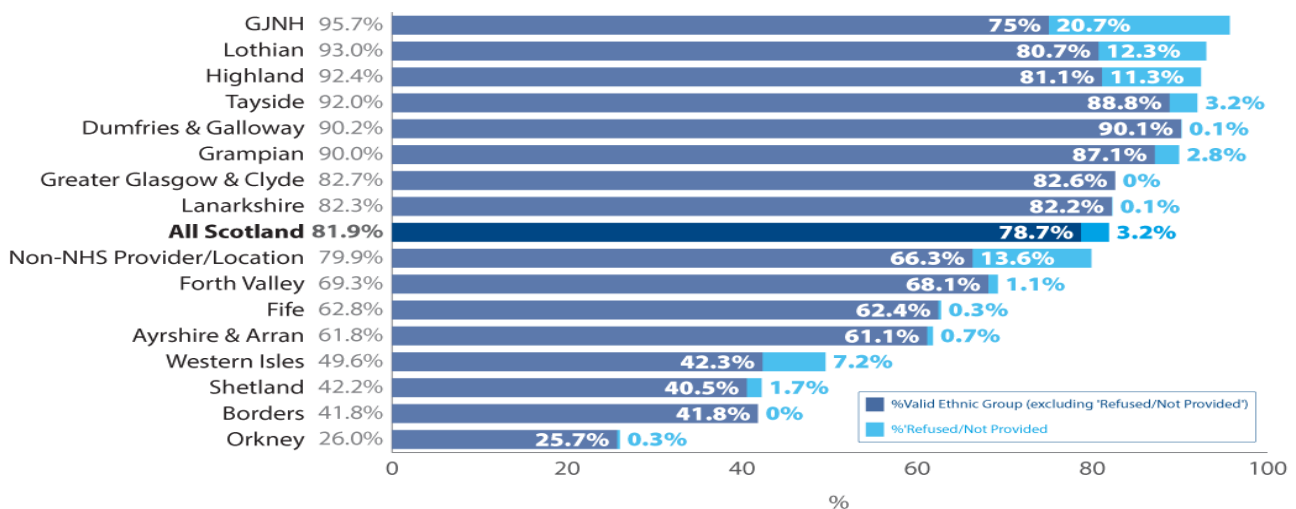
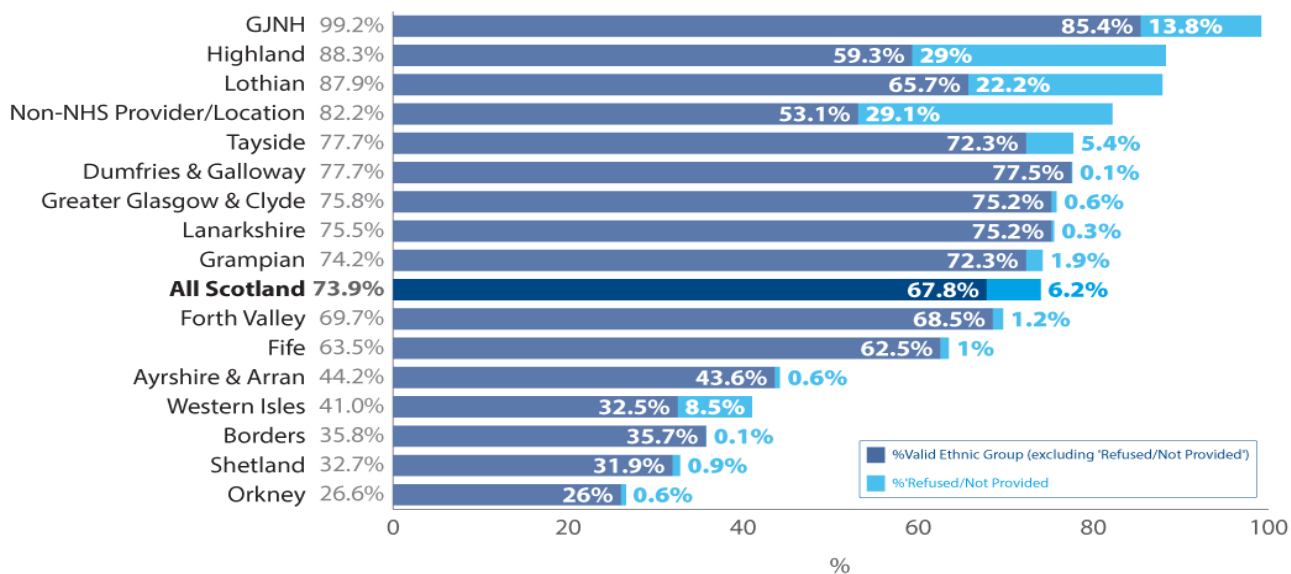


Figure 2: Percentage of new outpatient appointment records (SMR00) with a valid ethnic group by Health Board of Treatment; July - September 2014.



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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