

Publication Summary



Improving ethnic data collection for equality and diversity monitoring

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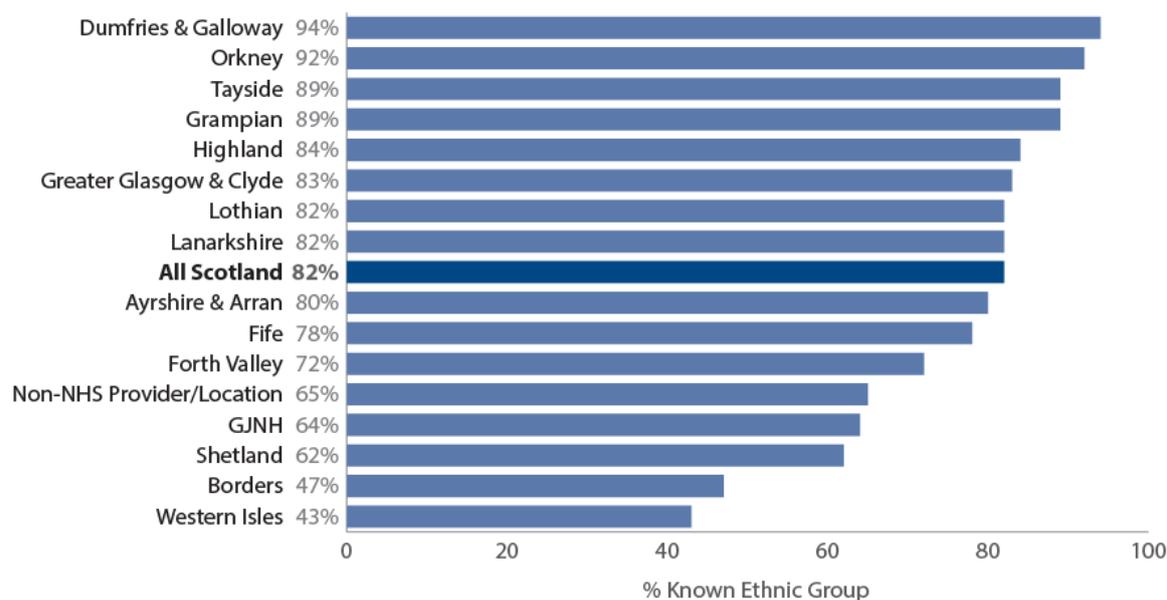
About this Release

This release from the Information Services Division describes progress towards improving the completeness of ethnic group recording in acute hospital discharge records (SMR01) and new outpatient appointment records (SMR00). These figures are based on the percentage of records where an ethnic group has been recorded. It does not include records where ethnic group is given as 'Not Known' 'Refused/Not Provided by the Patient' or left blank.

Key Points

- There has been a steady improvement overall in the recording of ethnic group over the last two years in NHSScotland.
- Completeness of recording for acute inpatient and day case records for the last quarter was 82% and for new outpatient appointment records was 72%.
- Recording of ethnic group varies widely across NHS Boards and remains low in some. In the quarter ending September 2015, completeness of recording ranged from 43% to 93% for acute inpatient and day case records and from 32% to 82% for new outpatient appointment records.
- In the most recent quarter, NHS Dumfries & Galloway and NHS Orkney achieved completeness recording for acute inpatient and day case records of 90% or above.

Figure: Percentage of acute hospital discharge episode records with a known ethnic group by Health Board of Treatment; quarter ending 30 September 2015



Background

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. Reliable information on the ethnic group of people admitted to hospital in Scotland is essential to reduce inequalities and ensure services are delivered fairly.

This publication series reports on completeness of the information recorded on patients' ethnicity. It should be noted that the figures presented in this quarter (July – September 2015) are calculated differently to earlier publications. Previously, the total figure included records where the patient did not provide or refused to provide this information – these records are no longer included in the completeness figures.

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Further Information

Further information can be found in the [Improving ethnic data collection for equality and diversity monitoring](#) report or in the [Equality and Diversity](#) page on the ISD website.

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