

Improving ethnic data collection for equality and diversity monitoring

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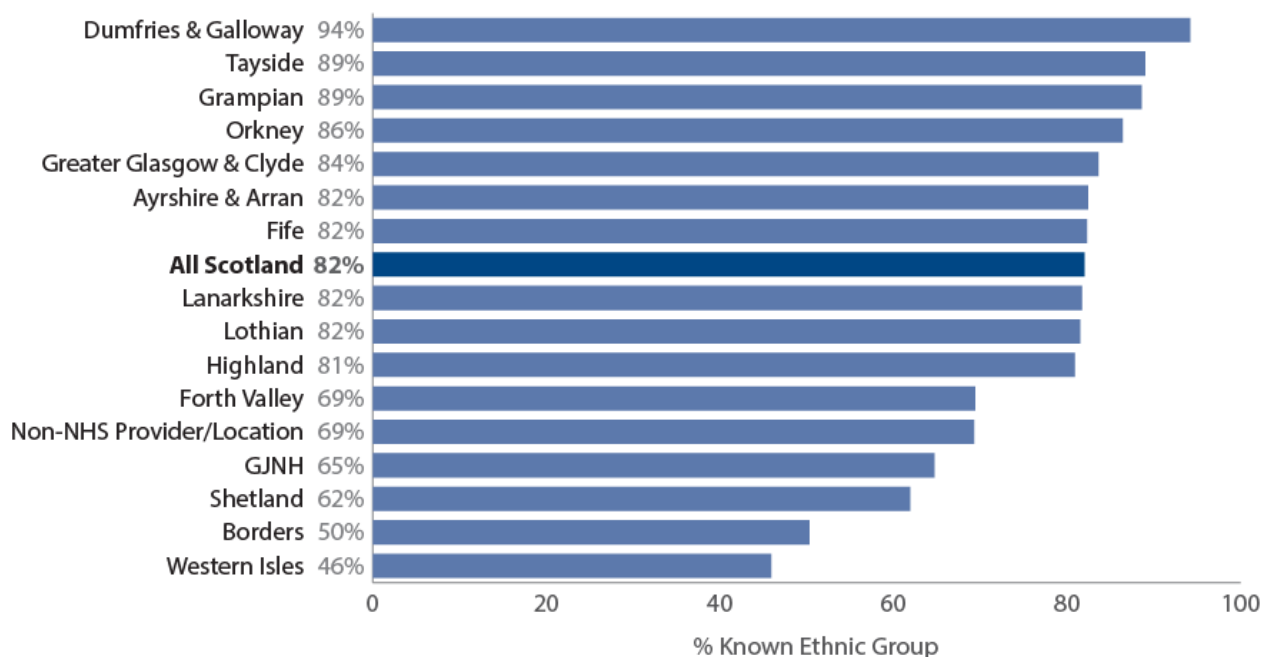
About this release

This release from the Information Services Division describes progress towards improving the completeness of ethnic group recording in acute inpatient and day case records (SMR01) and new outpatient appointment records (SMR00). These figures are based on the percentage of records where an ethnic group has been recorded.

Main 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%.
- In the most recent quarter, only NHS Dumfries & Galloway achieved completeness of recording for acute inpatient and day case records above 90%.

Figure: Percentage of acute inpatient and day case records with a known ethnic group by NHS Board of treatment; quarter ending 31 March 2016



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.

The NHSScotland 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 data monitored in this publication have been used to compare hospital admission rates by ethnic group in Scotland in a [report](#) published on the website of the Scottish Public Health Observatory.

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Further Information

The latest Improving Ethnic Data Collection for Equality and Diversity Monitoring report along with all previous reports can be found on our [Equality and Diversity publications page](#).

The next release of this publication will be 28 February 2017.

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