

Publication Summary



Scottish Health Service Costs

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About this Release

Scottish Health Service Costs (the Costs Book) is compiled annually and provides a detailed analysis of where resources are spent in NHS Scotland with a focus on hospital and community services. The information is mainly derived from financial and activity data compiled by the NHS Boards.

The NHSS is primarily organised into 14 health boards, 8 special health boards and the Mental Welfare Commission. The net operating cost of these bodies recorded in their annual accounts for 2010/11 amounted to £10.4 billion.

The Costs Book 2011 detailed reports are structured to analyse around 94% of this total, presenting information on the 14 geographic boards and two special boards (State Hospital and Golden Jubilee National Hospital) that provide hospital and community care directly to patients.

Key Points

Costs Book contains large amounts of data ranging from national and board summaries to detailed information for individual hospitals. The following examples show the type of information available:

- Costs Book 2011 analyses £9.8 billion of board operating costs.
- NHSS is a major employer with a pay bill of over £4.9 billion for staff working in the hospital and community services.
- Almost £1.4 billion was spent by NHS boards on prescription drugs used in hospitals and dispensed in community pharmacies. This amounts to 14.6% of total operating costs and is the equivalent of £264 for every person in Scotland.
- The average cost of an attendance at an A&E outpatient clinic is £103, while the average cost of treating a patient admitted to hospital for surgery is £3,039.

Background

NHS Boards apply a set of standard principles and recommended practice in the production of service cost information for the annual Scottish Health Service Costs Book. The quantum of costs included in Costs Book reconciles to expenditure and income reported in the Operating Costs Statement from their Annual Accounts. More details can be found in the Costing Guidance Manual on the ISD Scotland website at: [Reference](#).

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