About this Release
This release shows the 2012/13 target shares for territorial NHS Boards as calculated by the Resource Allocation Formula. The results are used to inform the actual share allocations for NHS Boards as set by the Scottish Government.

Key Points
- The Resource Allocation Formula covers the following health care programmes: Acute Hospital Care, Mental Health & Learning Difficulties (Hospital), Care of the Elderly (Hospital), Maternity (Hospital), Community Care and GP Prescribing.
- The formula aims to predict health care need for every territorial NHS Board based on statistical characteristics of the population.
- Final shares for 2012/13 may be different from the calculated target shares as the results are used to inform the final allocation, and not to determine them.
- To obtain target shares for the financial year 2012/13 only population projections have been updated – the other data feeding into this has been taken from the 2011/12 formula run.
- The next full formula update is scheduled for next year to calculate target shares for 2013/14.

Background
The Resource Allocation Formula was introduced in 2009/10 and replaced the “Arbuthnott Formula” after a major review by the NHSScotland Resource Allocation Committee (NRAC).

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